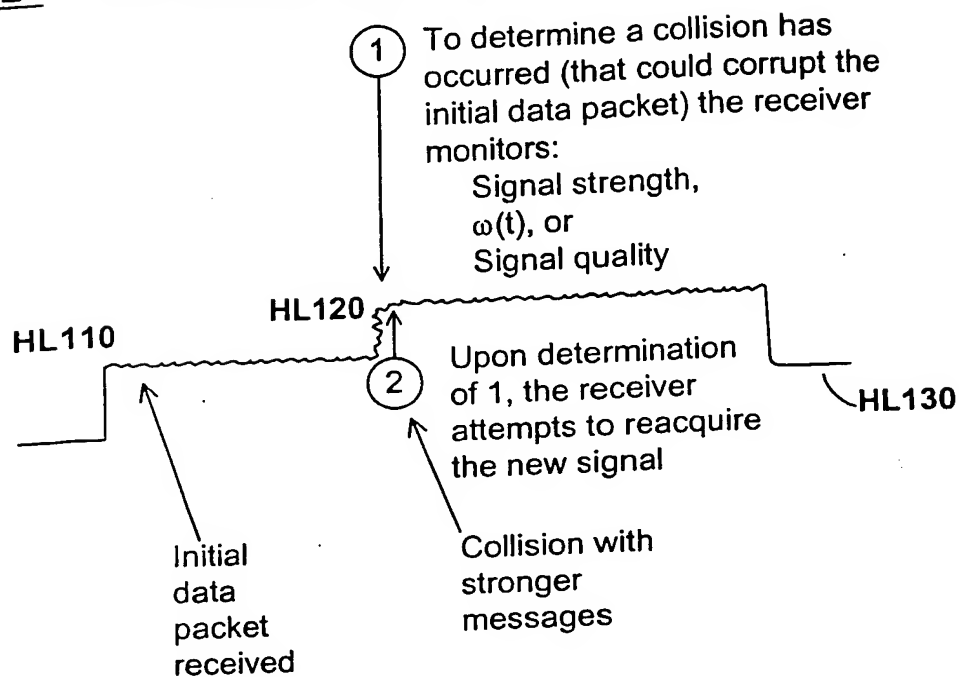
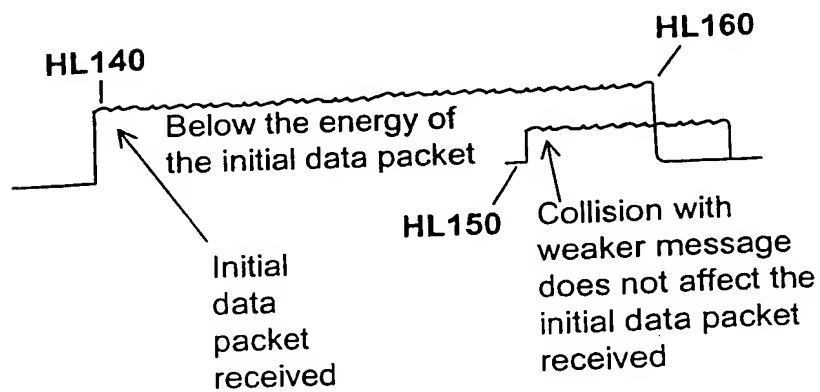


FIGURE 1

CASE I Initial Message Weaker than the Second



CASE II Initial Message Stronger than the Second



This method typically prevents the loss of both colliding data packets and therefore, meets the slotted ALOHA form (there is no "2" in the exponent)

Slotted ALOHA: $e^{-\lambda NT}$

Non-slotted ALOHA: $e^{-2\lambda NT}$

FIGURE 2

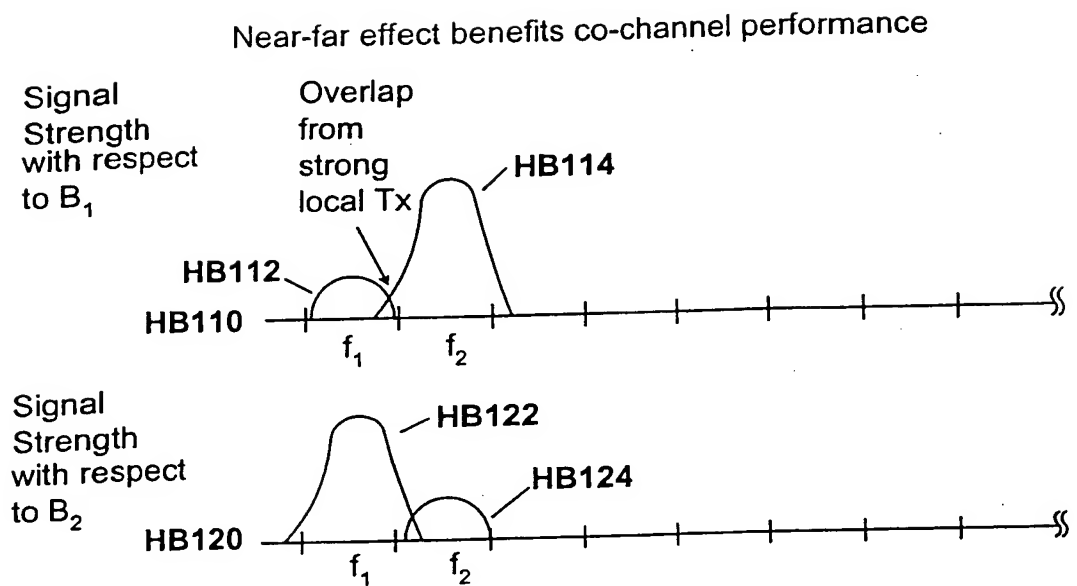


FIGURE 3

Frequency Channel Usage Load Leveling

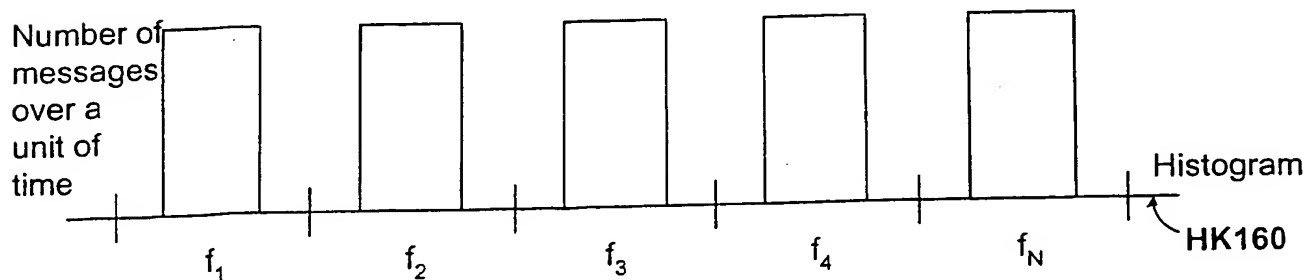
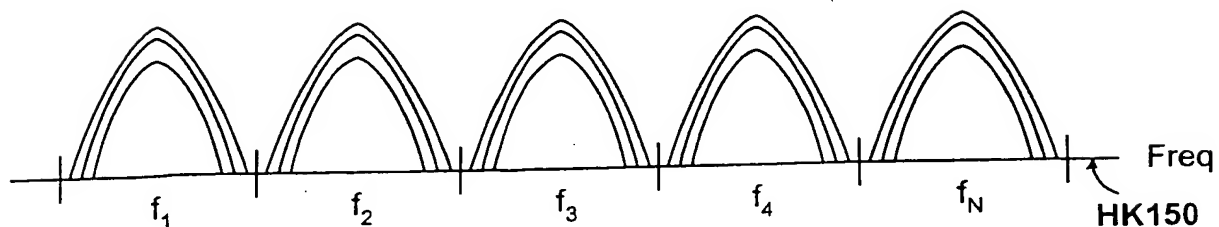
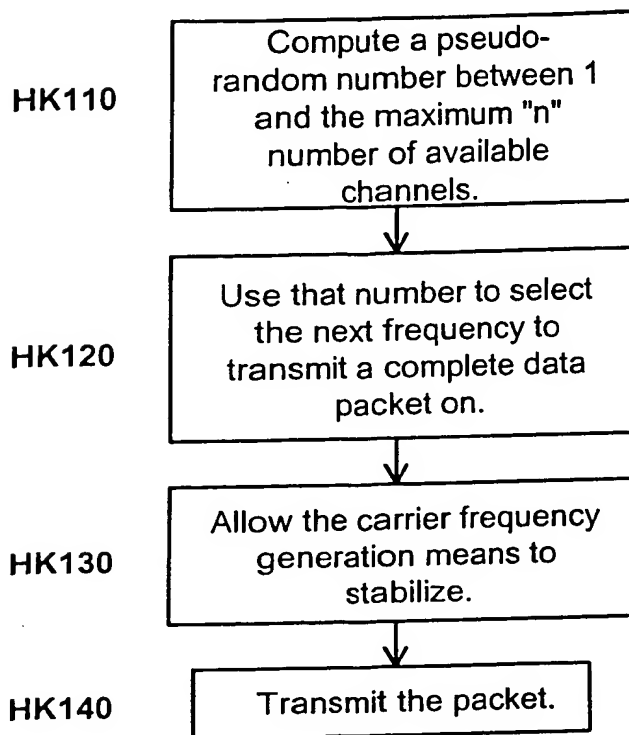
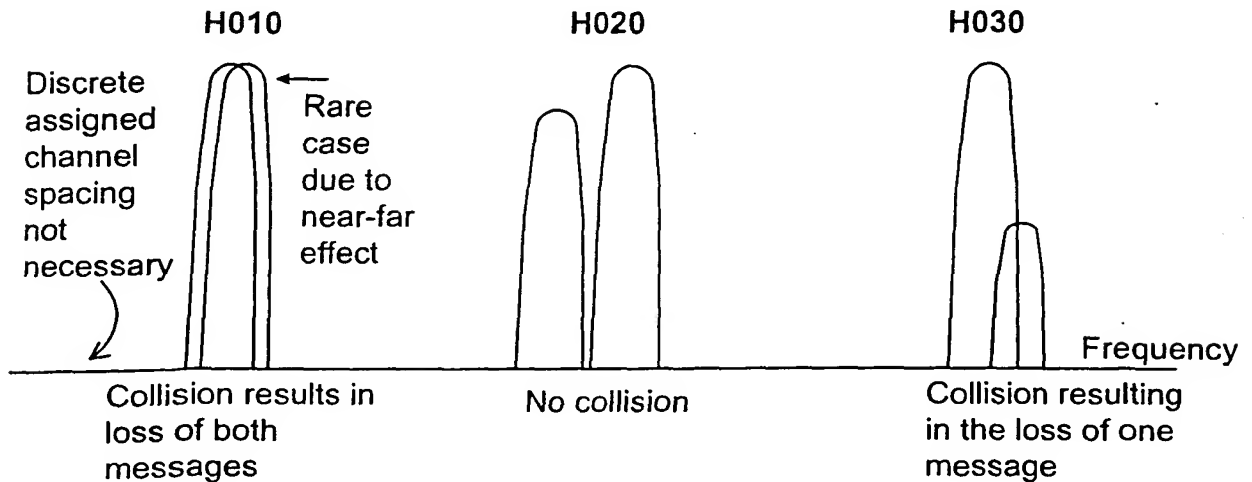


FIGURE 4

Bandwidth Efficient, Non-channelized Spectrum Utilization



This method creates additional channel capacity

- 1) Utilizing channel spacing smaller than signal BW & guard band
- 2) Vary the transmitted frequency of transmissions so that channel overlap causes a statistical loss that is overcome by redundant transmissions and follows the form:

$$P_s = 1 - [1 - e^{-(2\lambda NT/P)}]^M$$

Assumes that a data collision in a channel causes loss of both messages where:

- P_s = Probability of successful reception of "B" base stations
- λ = 1/time between transmissions
- N = Number of remote end-points in the coverage range of a base station - one
- T = Time duration of a data packet
- M = Number of times that a transmission is redundantly transmitted by a given end-point
- P = Signal BW/available system BW

FIGURE 5

Conventional cellular system area coverage
Dots representing base stations
Coverage is designed to minimize overlap with adjacent cells

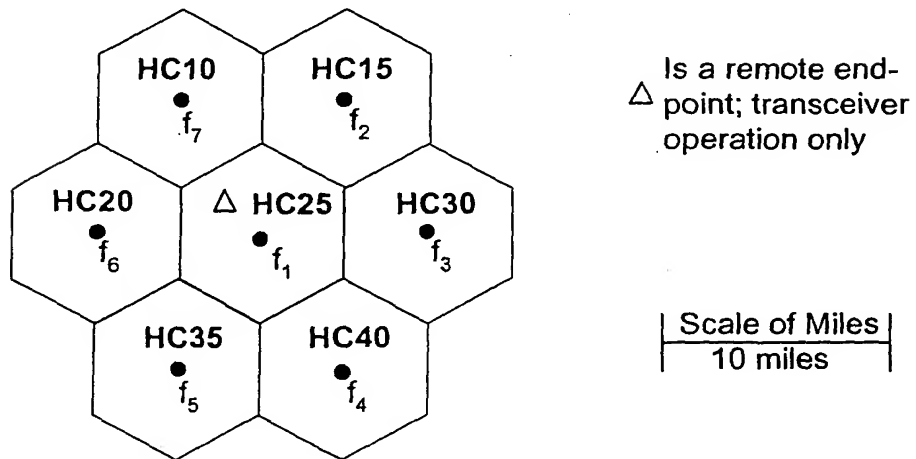
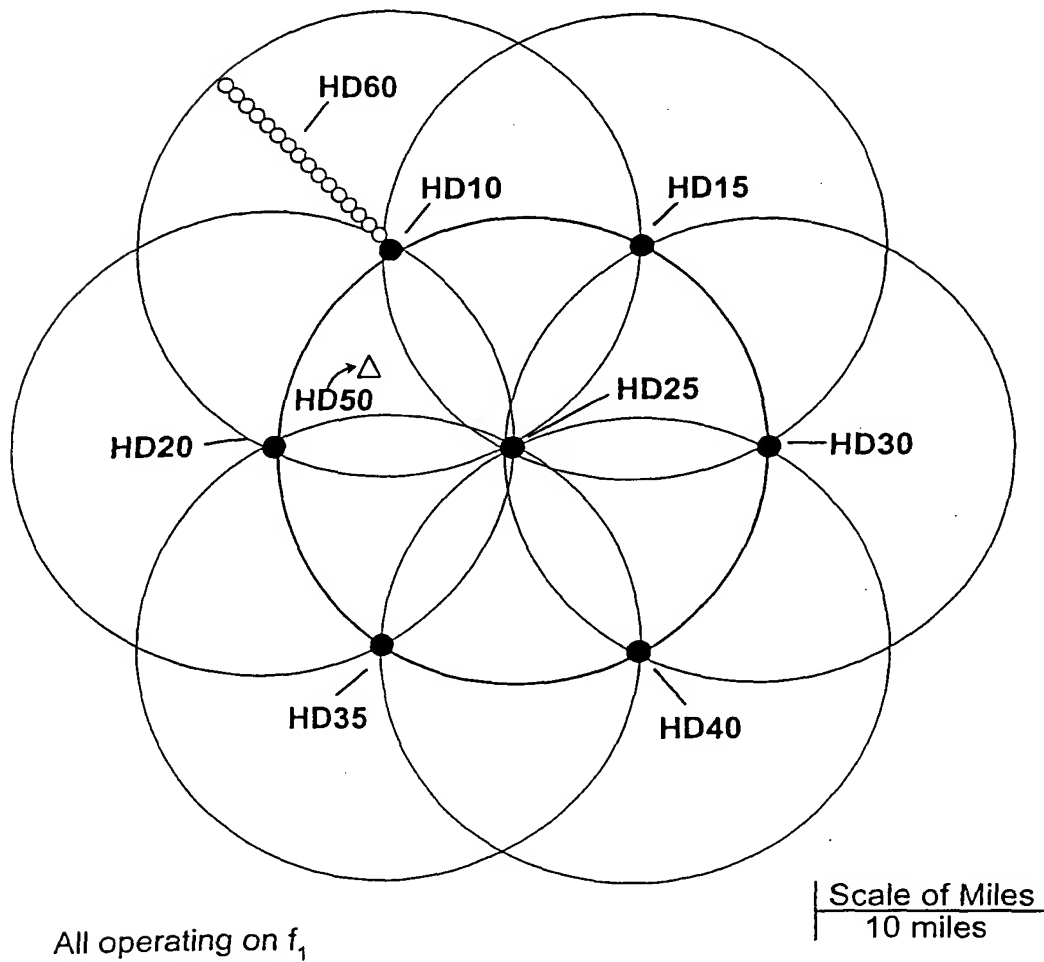


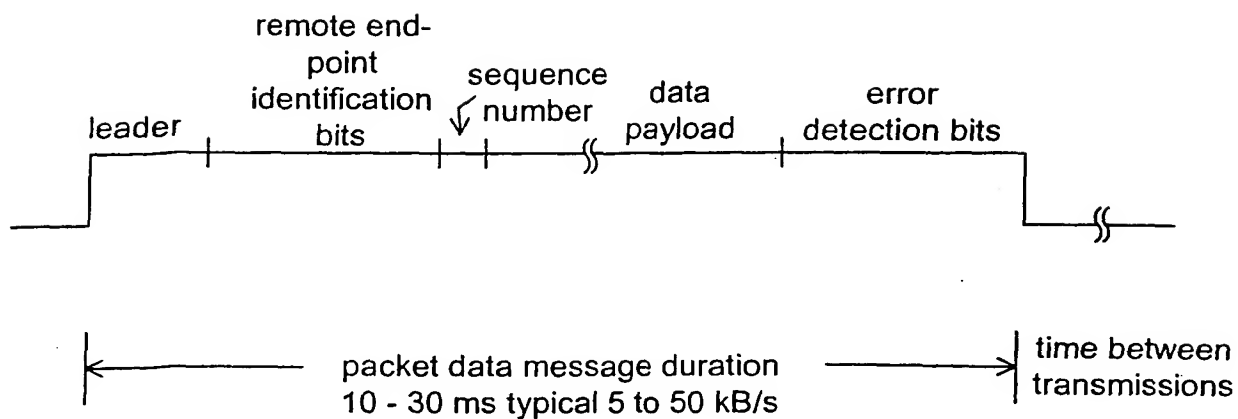
FIGURE 6
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Cellular layout of instant invention
Coverage intentionally overlaps with adjacent cells
Creating significant signal redundancy



△ Is a remote end-point;
transmit-only or
transceiver operation

FIGURE 7

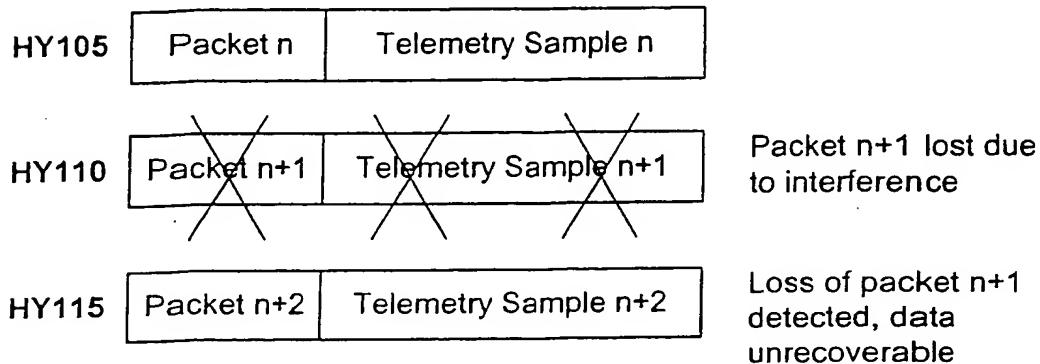


data payload portion can contain a history of past readings:
present reading, Δ_1 from last reading, Δ_2 from Δ_1 , ..., Δ_{N+1} from Δ_N

FIGURE 8

Previous Data History Added to Packets to Increase Reliability

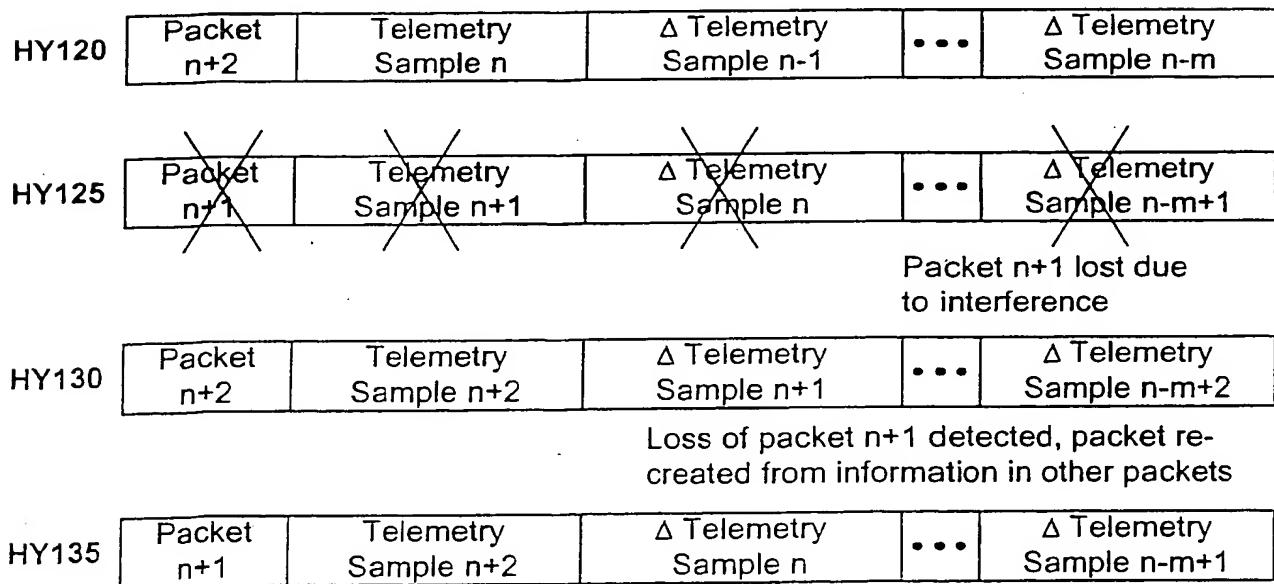
Conventional Approach:



Probability of Telemetry Sample Loss (P_{TSL})
= Probability of Packet Loss (P_{PL}) EX) If $P_{PL} = 20\%$
then $P_{TSL} = 20\%$

Present Invention Approach:

The current telemetry sample in addition to the amount of change to the M previous samples



Probability of Telemetry Sample Loss (P_{TSL})
= (Probability of Packet Loss (P_{PL}))^M Packet n+1 recovered
EX) If $P_{PL} = 20\%$ and $M=10$
 $P_{TSL} = (.2)^{10} = .00001024\%$

FIGURE 9

Single Bit Error Correction

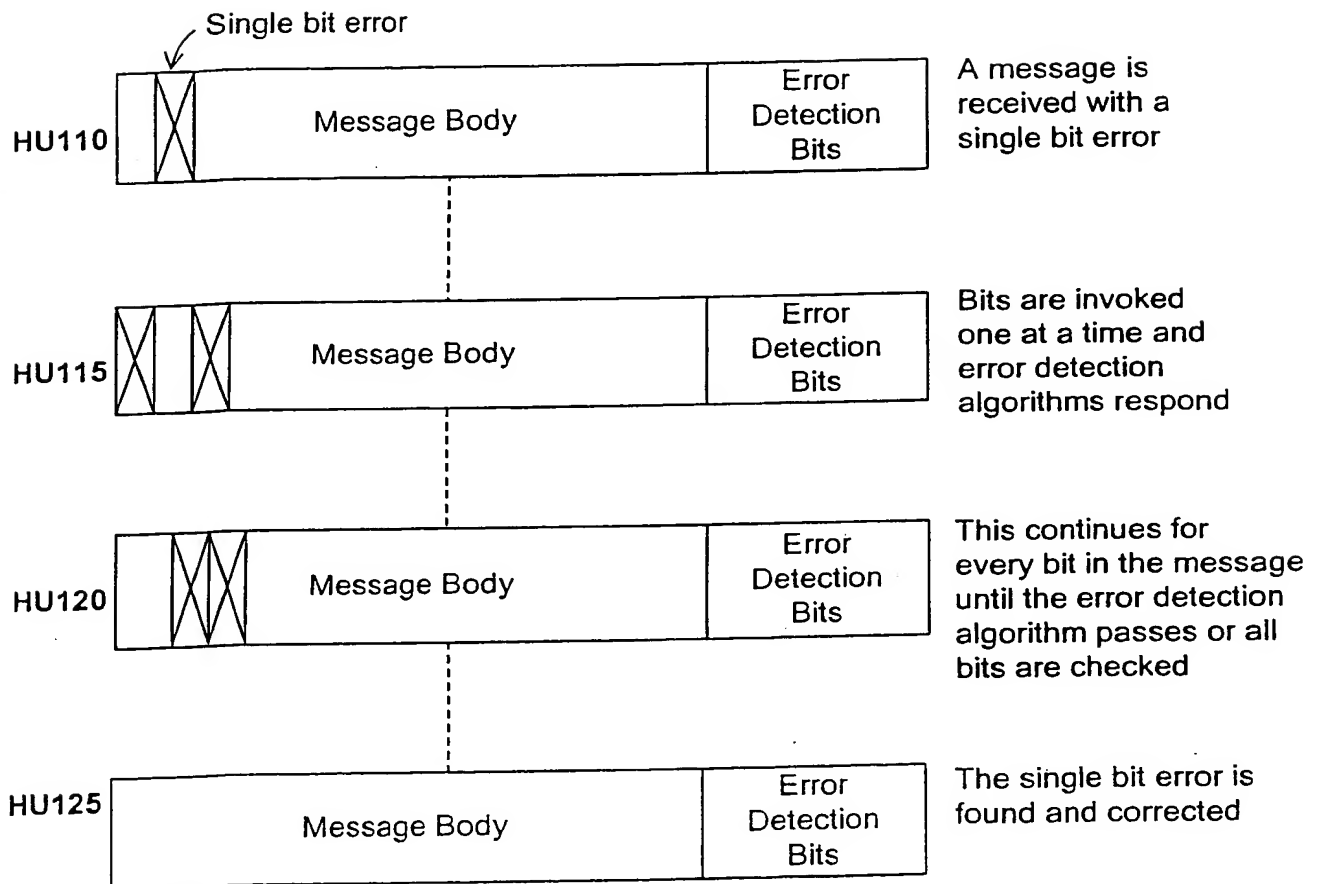


FIGURE 10

Message Sequence Numbers for Missed Message

<u>Detection and Security</u>					
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Remote Endpoint #123456789	Sequence 3210				
HV115	<table><tr><td>Remote Endpoint #123456789</td><td>Sequence 3212</td></tr></table>	Remote Endpoint #123456789	Sequence 3212	Message n + 1	Sequence indicates that message 3211 was missed and should be recreated
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HV120	<table><tr><td>Remote Endpoint #123456789</td><td>Sequence 3213</td></tr></table>	Remote Endpoint #123456789	Sequence 3213	Message n + 2	Normal expected sequence
Remote Endpoint #123456789	Sequence 3213				
HV125	<table><tr><td>Remote Endpoint #123456789</td><td>Sequence 1201</td></tr></table>	Remote Endpoint #123456789	Sequence 1201	Message n + 3	Illegal message from invalid endpoint, sequence grossly in error. Security violation detected.
Remote Endpoint #123456789	Sequence 1201				
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FIGURE 11

Data Concentrator Operation

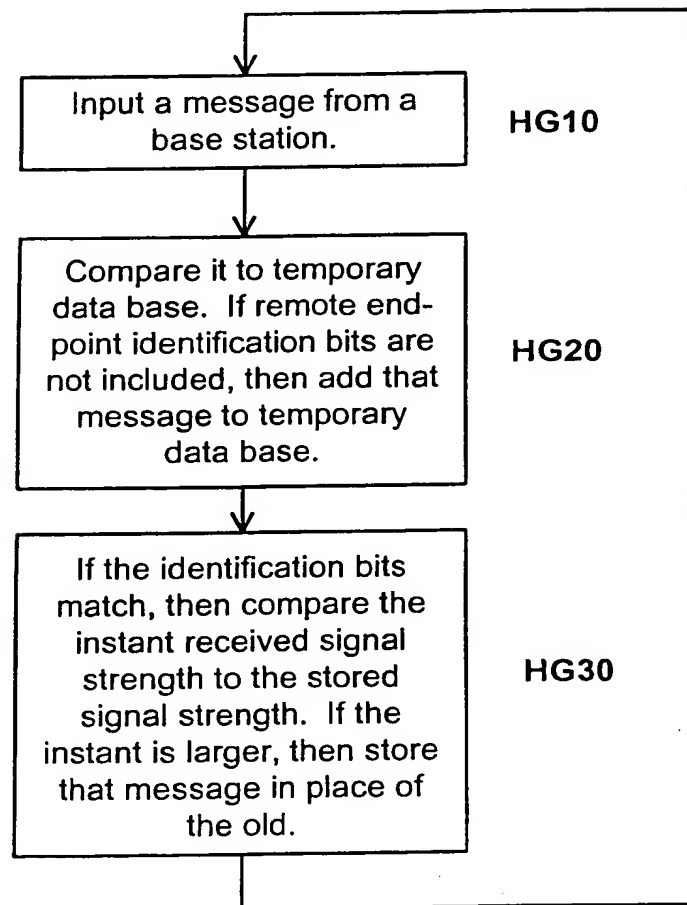
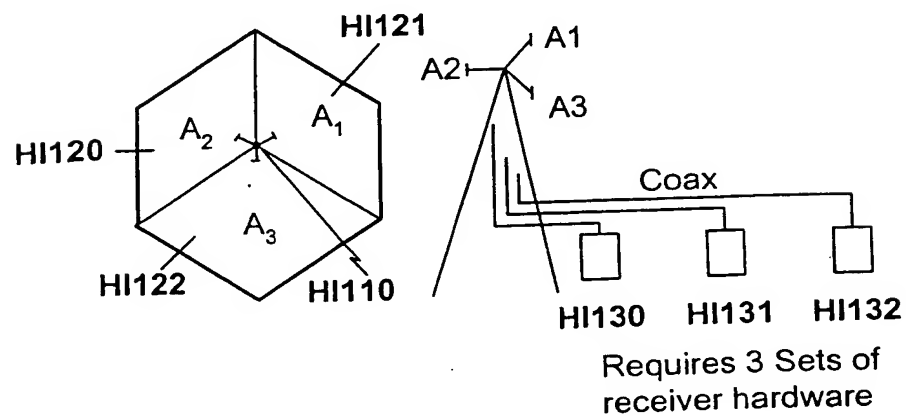


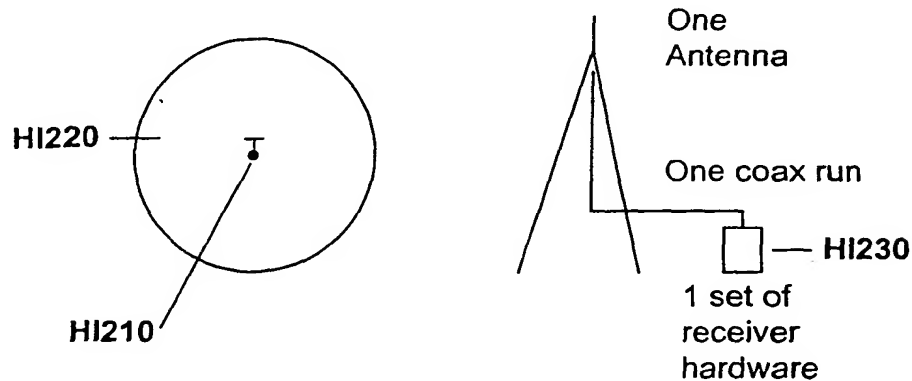
FIGURE 12

**Conventional Cellular Radio Systems Utilize Sectored
Antennas to Increase Capacity**



**FIGURE 13
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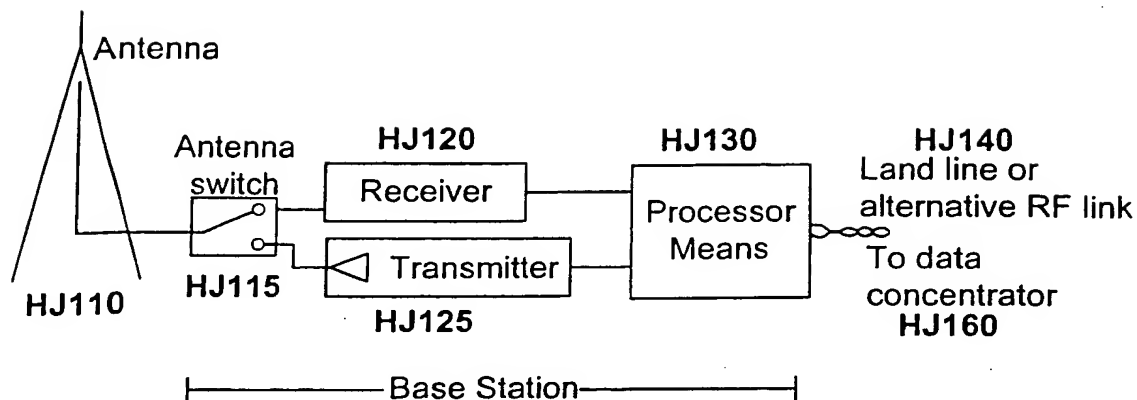
The instant invention utilizes a single omni-directional antenna with overlapping coverage of adjacent cells to reduce cost and with the combined messages from adjacent cells to provide macro diversity and resistance to shading.



$$P_s = 1 - [1 - e^{-\lambda NT}]^M B$$

- P_s = Probability of success of "B" base stations
 λ = 1/time between transmissions
 N = Number of remote end-points in the coverage range of a base station - one
 T = Time duration of a data packet
 M = Number of times that a transmission is redundantly transmitted by a given end-point
 B = Number of base stations that are in radio range of the remote end-point

FIGURE 14



- Base station operates in half duplex mode to reduce cost. In full duplex mode, unless transmit and receive frequencies are widely spaced the base station transmission would de-sense its own receiver.
- Outbound transmissions to two-way remote end-points are limited to approximately a 1% duty cycle. The 1% is then added to the ALOHA channel capacity and has minimal system impact.

$$P_s = 1 - \left[1 - e^{-(\lambda NT + 1\%)} \right]^M$$

P_s = Probability of successful reception

λ = 1/time between transmissions

N = Number of remote end-points in the coverage range of a base station - one

T = Time duration of a data packet

M = Number of times that a transmission is redundantly transmitted by a given end-point

FIGURE 15

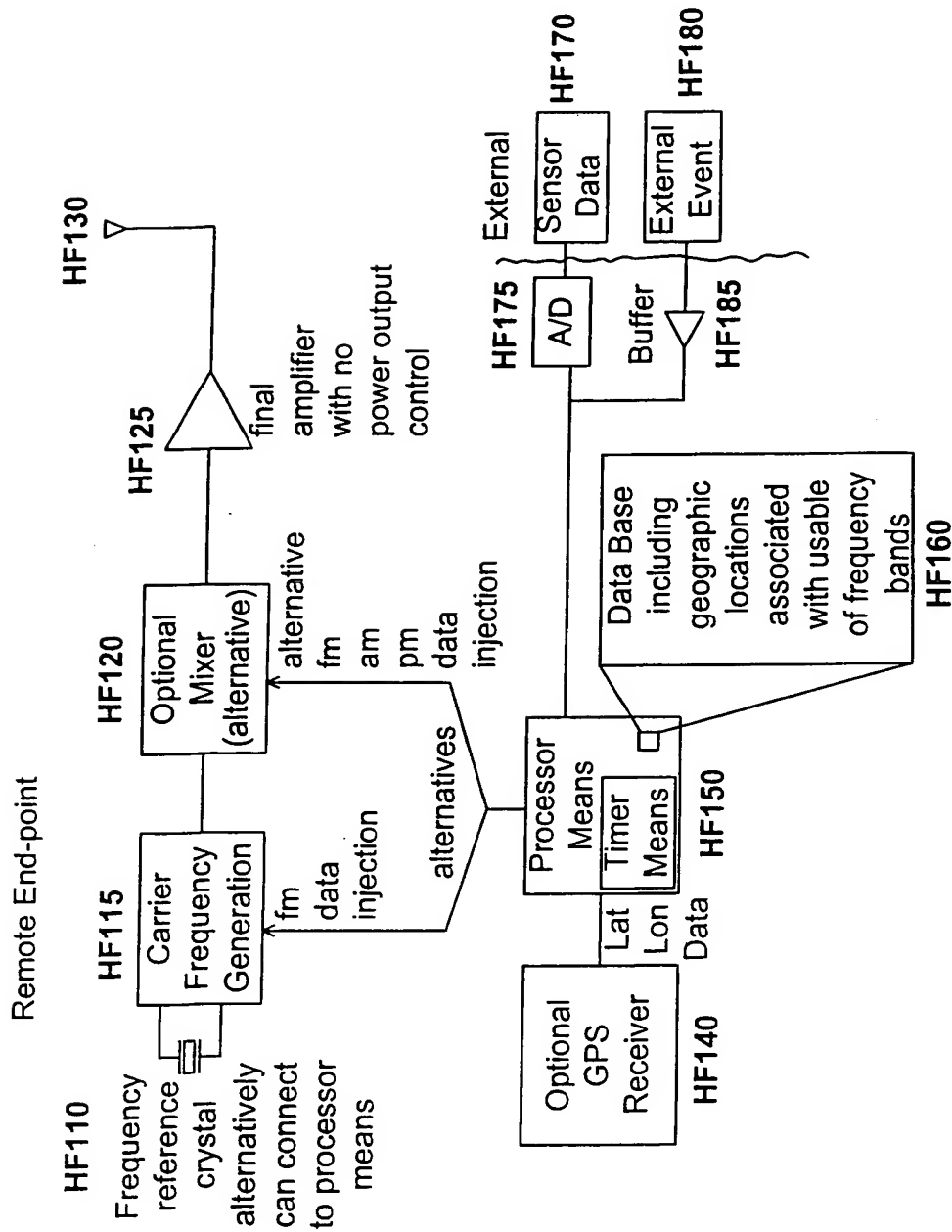
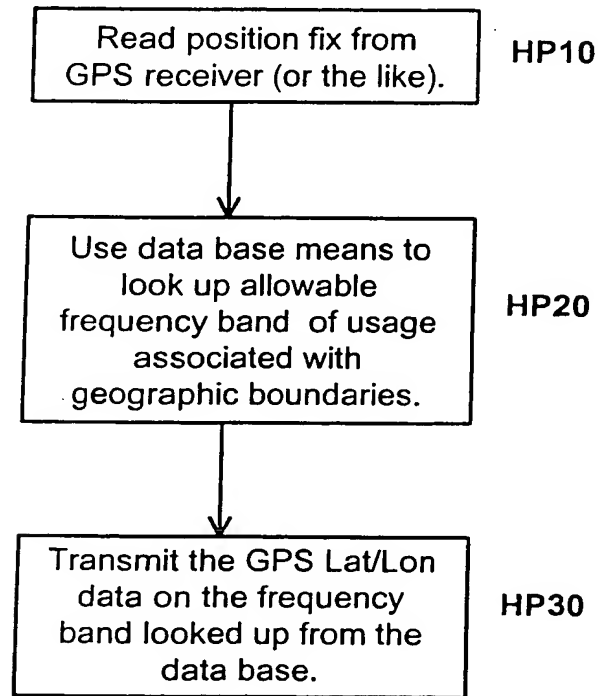


FIGURE 16

**Method to Allow Wide Geographic Freedom Over
Different Licensed Frequency Bands in a Mobile Tracking
System Without the Need of Externally Controlled Frequency
Switch-over and Management**



Data base contains boundaries and available frequency bands

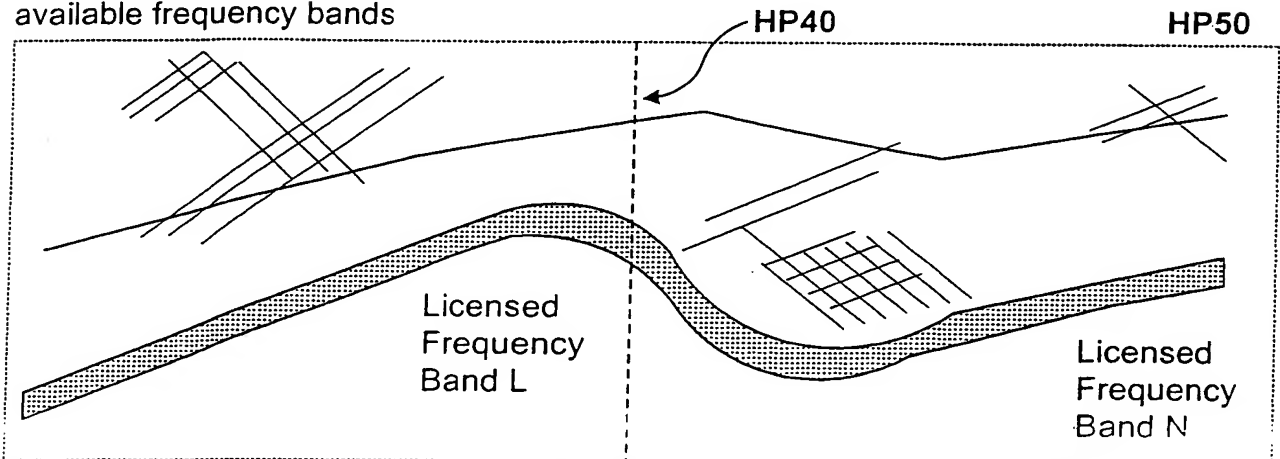
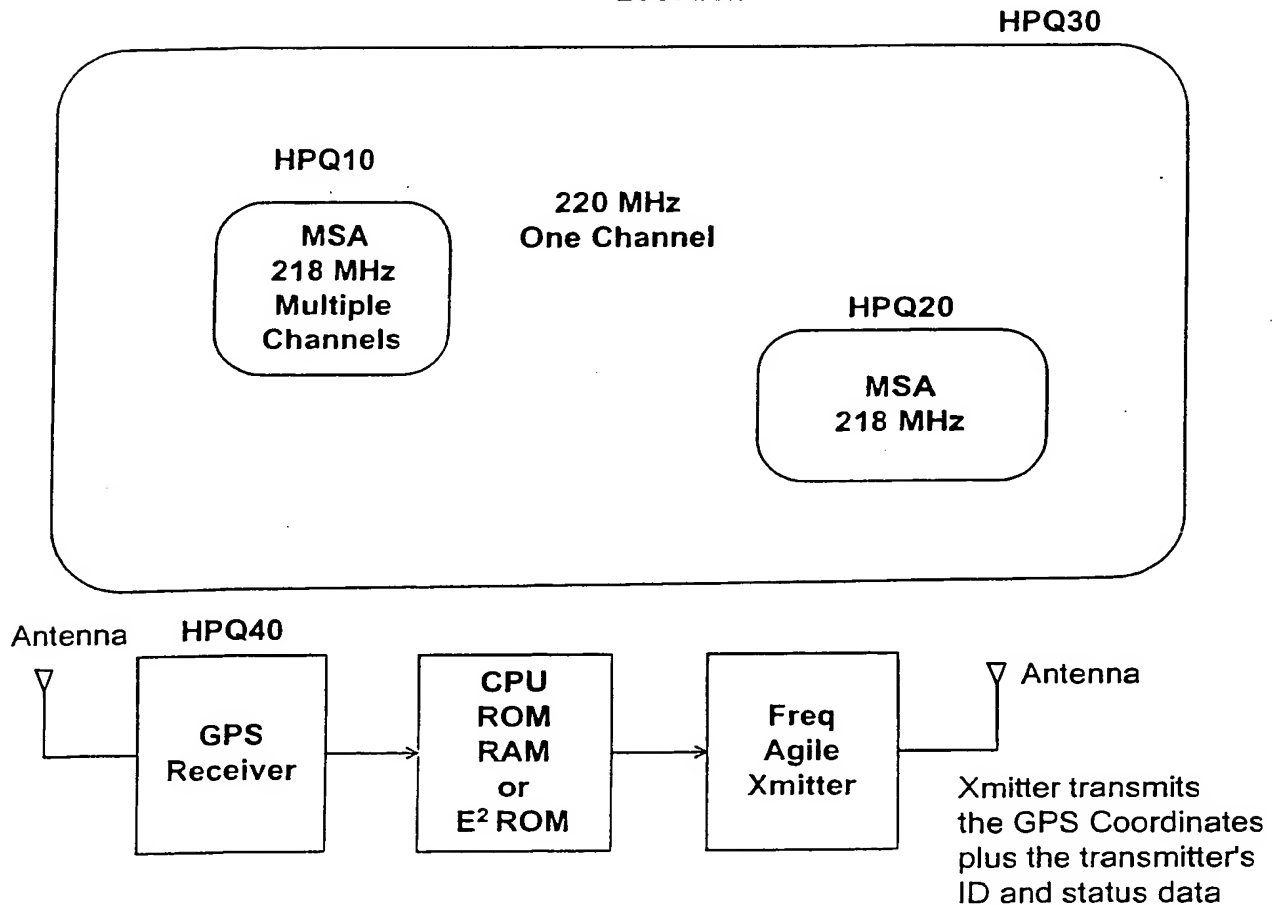


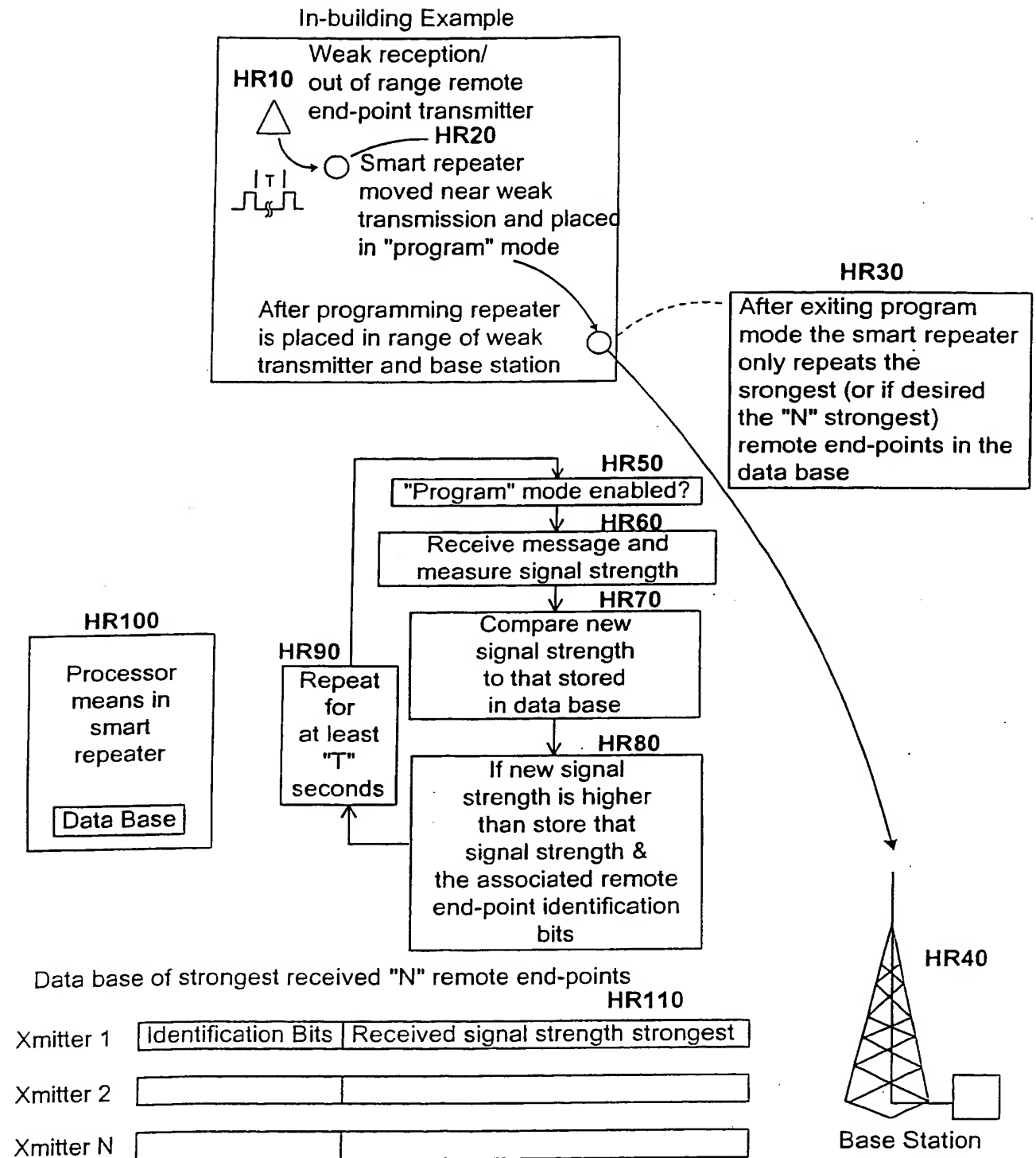
FIGURE 17

Example of Automatic Frequency Selection for
Transmit-only System Sending GPS Data for Remote
Location



CPU (μ c) is loaded with MSA boundaries. The CPU reads coordinates from GPS receiver. The CPU determines if the coordinates are in the bounds of the MSA. If yes, the CPU sets the frequency agile transmitter to 218 MHz (one of several available channels); if no, the CPU sets the frequency agile transmitter to 220 MHz. In this method more message traffic can be supported with multiple MSA channels.

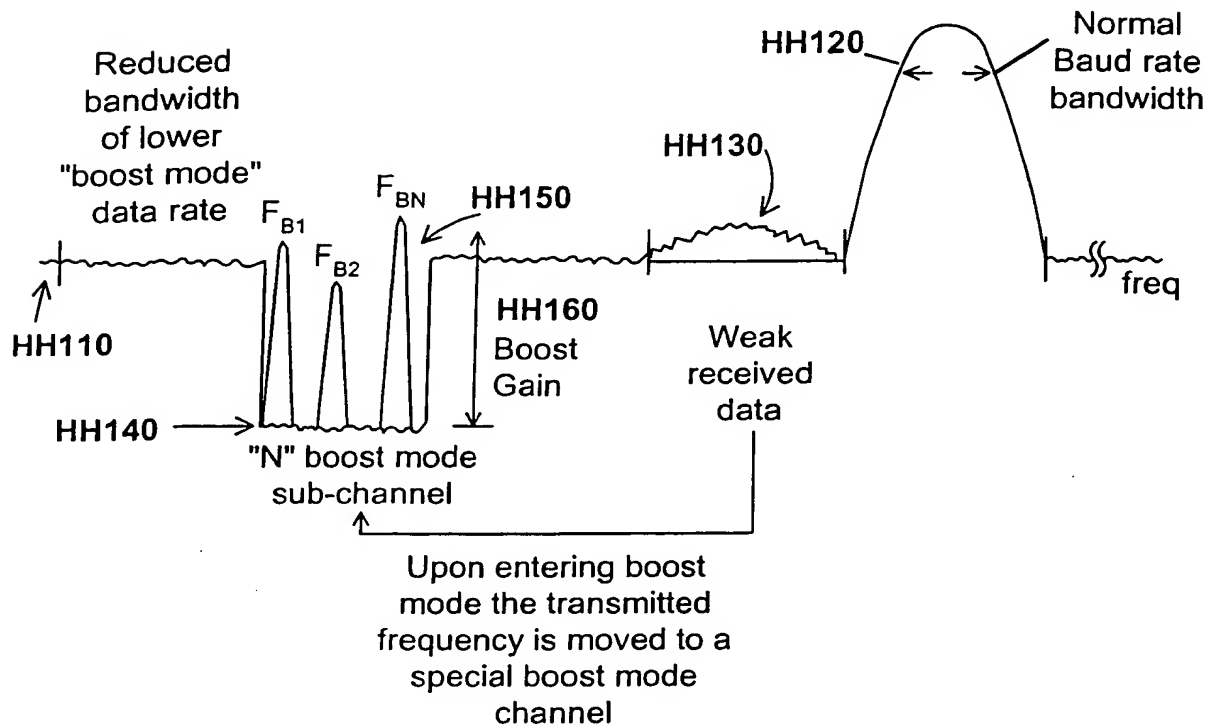
FIGURE 18



Alternatively, the smart repeater can be used in LAN applications. Additionally, the smart repeater may utilize narrow band modulation, frequency hopping or direct sequence spread spectrum.

FIGURE 19

Selectable Enhanced Signal Margin Without the Cost of Higher Output Power Transmitter Amplifier Stages



$$\text{SNR improvement} = 10 \log \frac{\text{Normal Baud Rate}}{\text{Lower (Boost) Baud Rate}}$$

$$10 \log \frac{16.64 \text{ kb/s}}{520 \text{ bps}} = 15 \text{ dB}$$

15dB boost mode can overcome the 10-15 dB loss from mounting a remote end-point in a buried water meter.

To match this signal margin improvement, the remote end-point transmitter would have to transmit 32 times more signal power.

FIGURE 20

Boost mode can significantly increase the service coverage area providing that the density of the transmitted packets can be significantly limited.

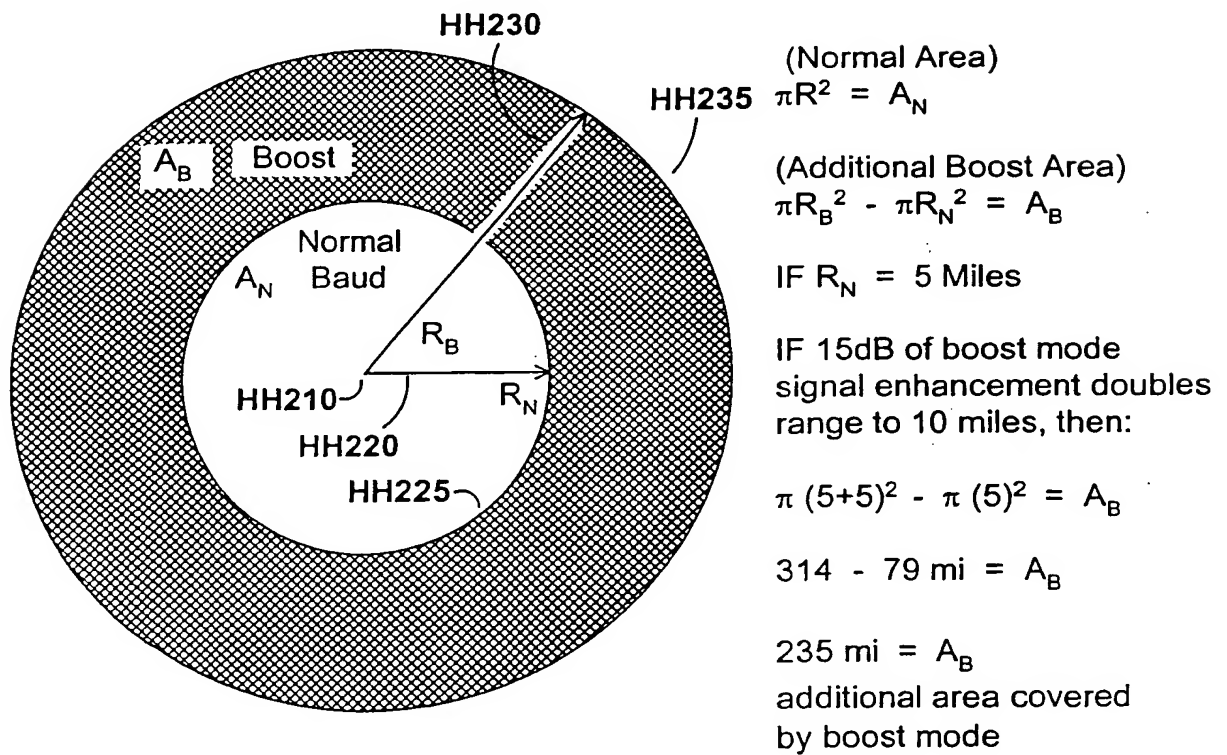


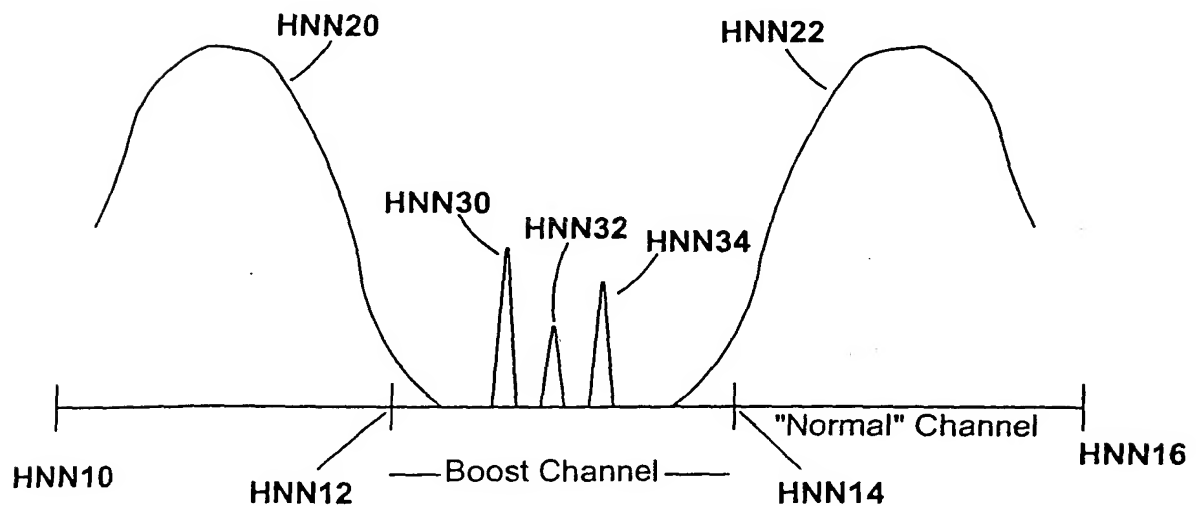
FIGURE 21

Boost Mode Channel Load Leveling

$$\frac{\text{Number transmitted packets reduced by}}{\infty} \quad \frac{\text{Normal Baud}}{\text{Lower ("Boost") Baud}}$$

FIGURE 22

**Separate Boost Channel is Assigned to Avoid the Channel
Roll Off of Strong Transmitters Adjacent Channels**



The boost sub-channels are concentrated in the middle of the channel assigned to receive boost mode transmission.

Bleed-over from adjacent channels can be caused by frequency drift, oscillator phase noise, PLL spurs, modulation roll off, transmitter data filter roll-off, crystal aging or Doppler shift.

FIGURE 23

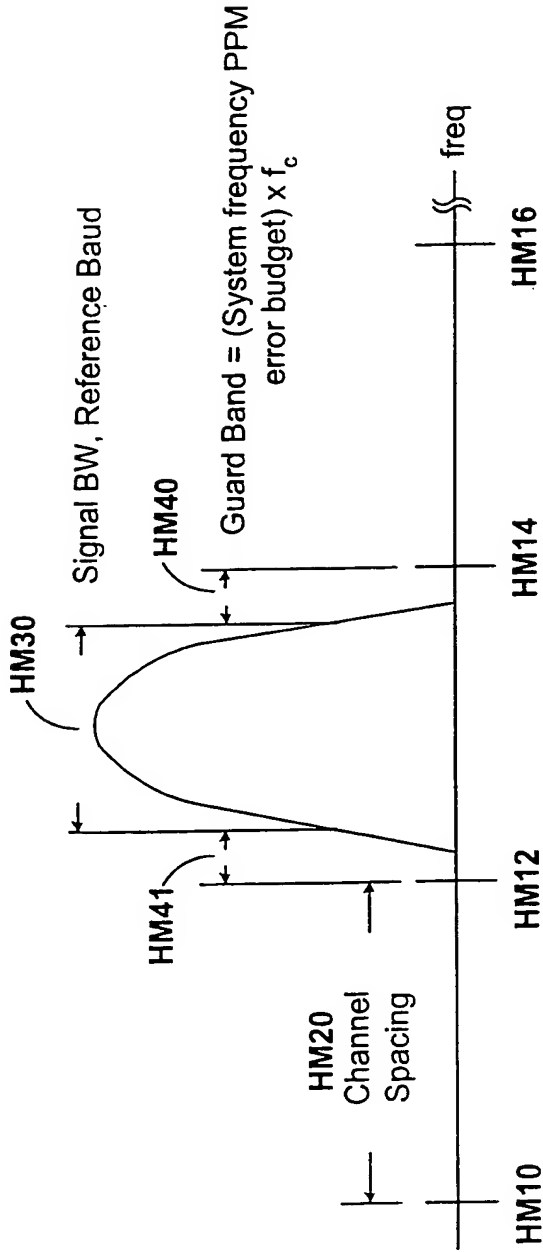
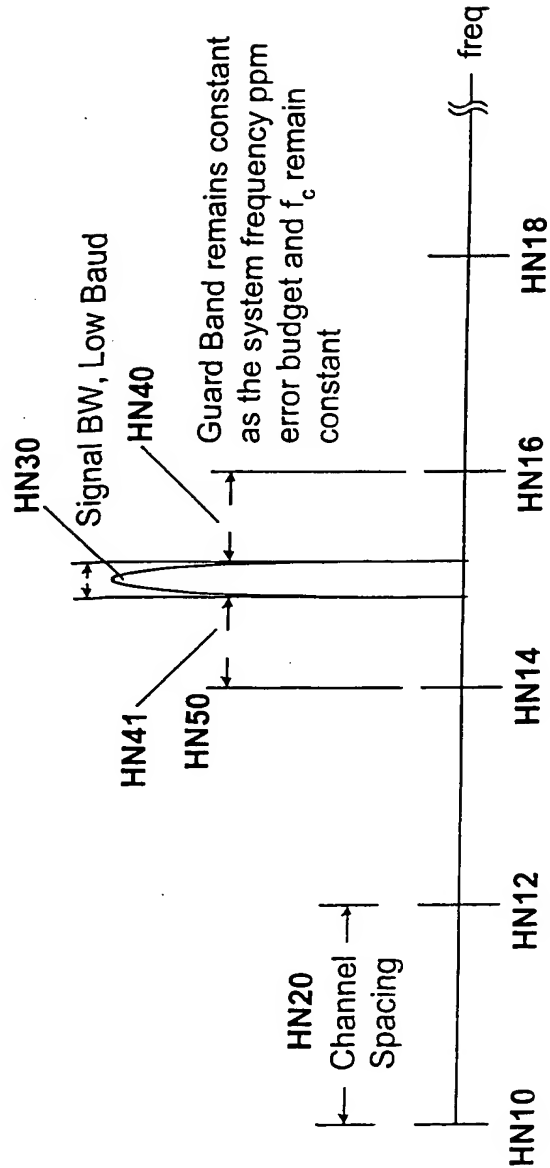


FIGURE 24



Due to fixed guard band size, reduced baud rates do not proportionately increase the number of usable channels. The above example requires a "wasted" BW of 5X. Also as f_c drives to higher frequency bands the same effect occurs as the required guard band BW increased beyond the received signal BW.

FIGURE 25

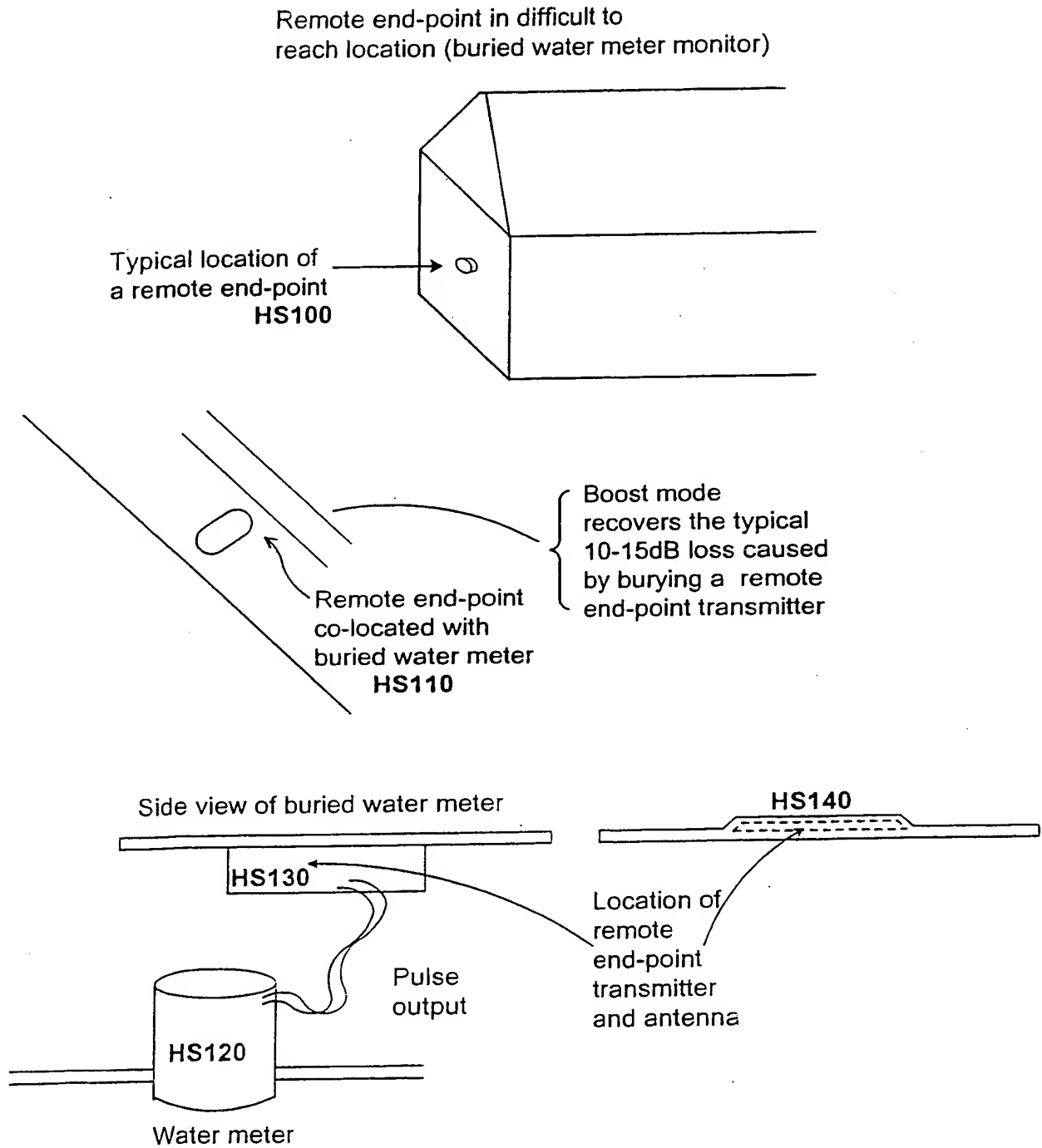
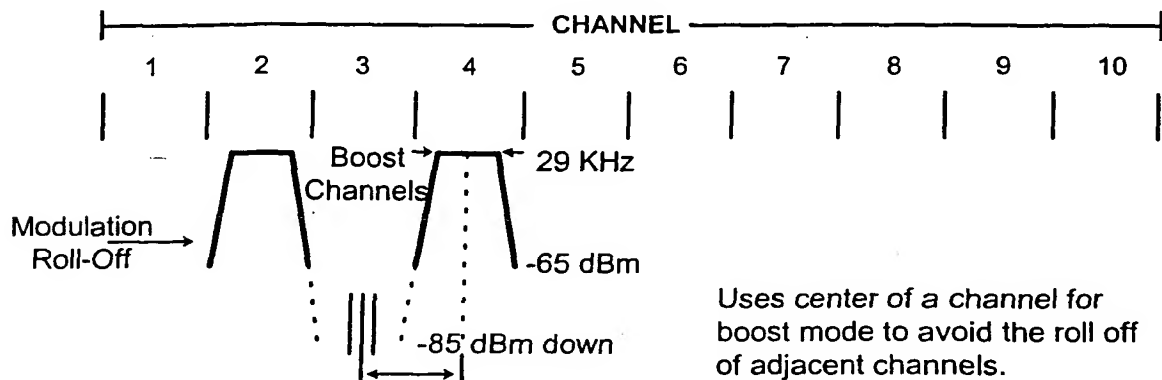


FIGURE 26

10 Channel Frequency Plan Preferred Embodiment

Channel #	50 KHz Each
1	Home Gateway, Micro Area Network [can be a unique local modulation/protocol]
2	Reserved for future battery-operated version transceiver (low traffic)
3	Boost Mode (centered in middle of channel)
4	Transmit-only remote end-point ALOHA Operation Channel A, fixed
5	Transmit-only remote end-point ALOHA Operation Channel B, fixed
6	Transmit-only remote end-point ALOHA Operation Channel C, fixed
7	Transmit-only remote end-point ALOHA operation Channel D, fixed (or alternatively mobile applications)
8	Mobile applications (transmit-only & two-way)
9	Reserved for utilities requiring an independent channel (or mobile applications)
10	Reserved for future definition [possible monitor of remote base station repeating signal to eliminate its land lines]



16.6 Kb/s Normal Mode data rate (50 kHz channel separation)

520 b/s Boost Mode (channel separation of 4.2 kHz)

Boost mode assumed in 1 out of 32 installations:

$(16.6 \text{ kb/s} \div 520 \text{ Baud}) = 32X \text{ normal message duration}$

The 5 transmit-only ALOHA channels (4,5,6,7 & 8) can all share 5 Boost Mode channels

(Approximately 5 boost channels could be received simultaneously, but 8 can fit.)

$10 \text{ Log } (16.6 \text{ kb/s} \div 520 \text{ Baud}) = 15 \text{ dB improvement over the normal mode Baud rate}$

Assumes transmit-only and transceiver remote end-point devices are statistically close to desired frequency; since this is an ALOHA system, it will have a limited impact on throughput (reduces demands on guard band). Alternatively, transceivers can use base station as pilot tune to eliminate its own frequency error.

Fixed location transmit-only remote end-point devices operate in channel A, B, C or D; and mobile GPS locatable transmitters operate in channels 8 and 9.

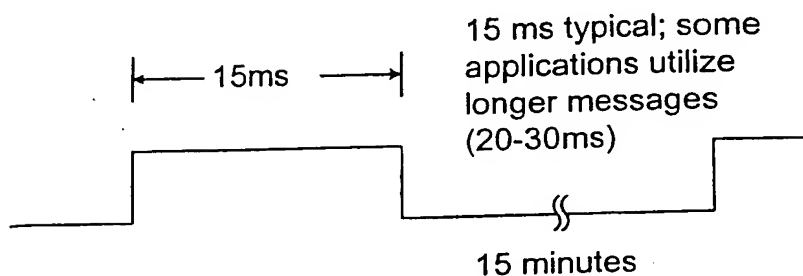
Remote transceivers have 2 main purposes

- 1) As repeaters of transmit-only remote end-point devices
- 2) As controllers of remote end-points (outputs)

Home gateway positioned adjacent to a remote end-point transceiver channel; the remote end-point transceiver can switch frequencies "instantly" in DSP software providing I.F. is 110 KHz wide. This means that the base station may not have to receive in Channel 1.

FIGURE 27

Battery Life of Transmit-only Remote End-point



Avg transmit current:

$$\frac{15\text{ms}}{15\text{ min} \cdot 60\text{s}} \cdot 550\text{ mA} = 9.2\text{ }\mu\text{A}$$

Transmit set-up current:

$$\frac{10\text{ms}}{15\text{ min} \cdot 60\text{s}} \cdot 25\text{ mA} = .3\text{ }\mu\text{A}$$

Sleep time current & leakage 5.0 μA

Total average current: 14.5 μA

Assume a 1.4 AH lithium battery

$$1.4\text{ AH} \cdot 80\% \text{ derate} \div 14.5\text{ }\mu\text{A} = 72,258\text{ hrs}$$

$$\div 24 \div 365 = 8.2\text{ years}$$

FIGURE 28

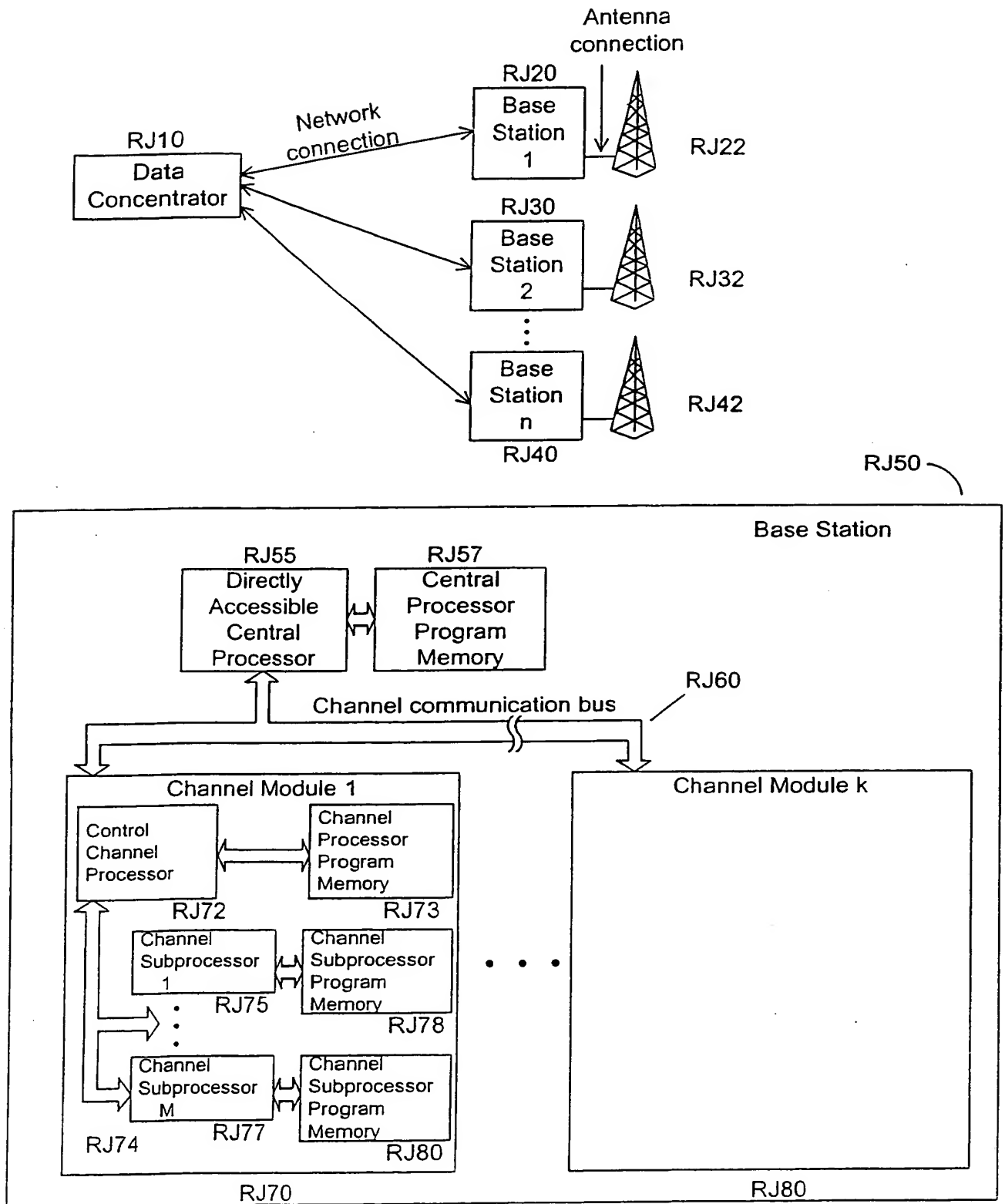
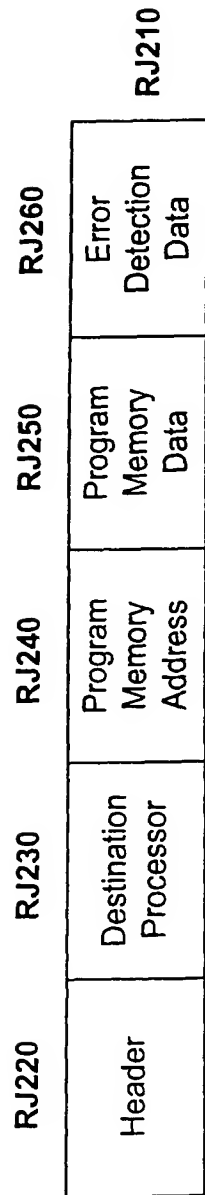


FIGURE 29



Remote Processor Program Transfer Protocol Message

FIGURE 30

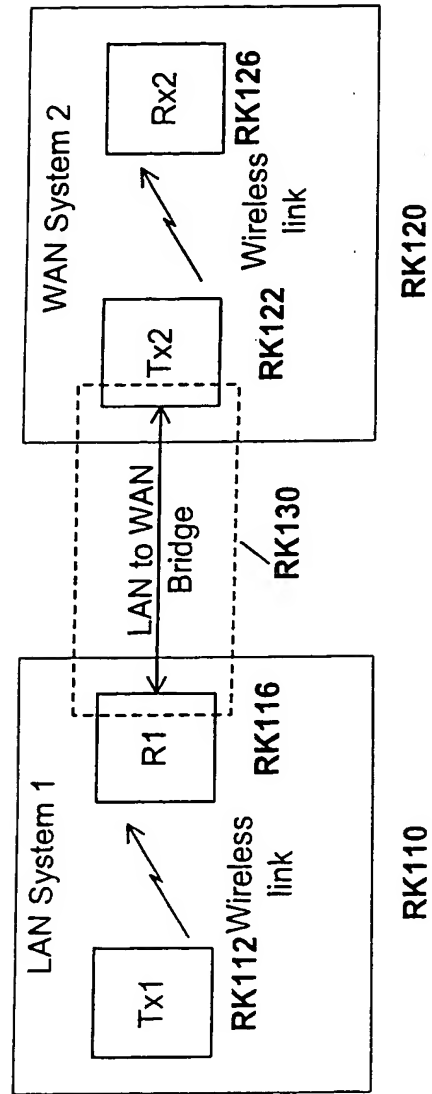


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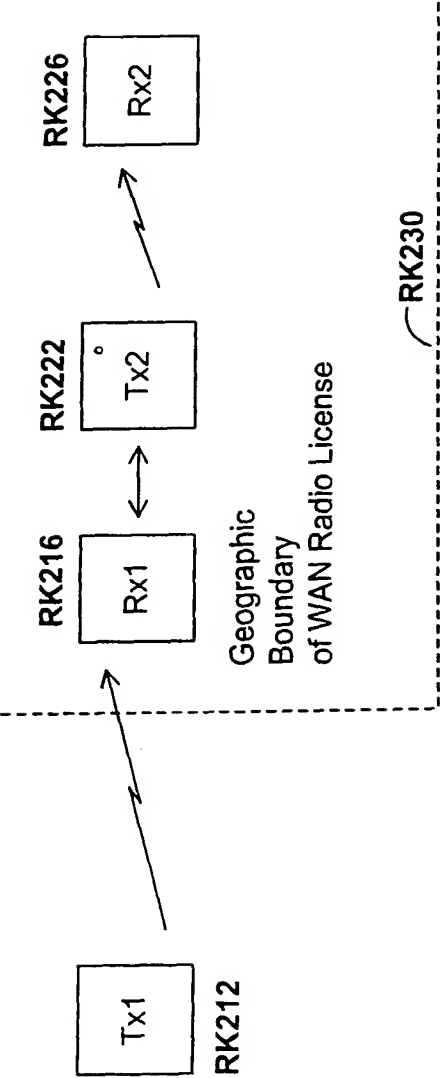


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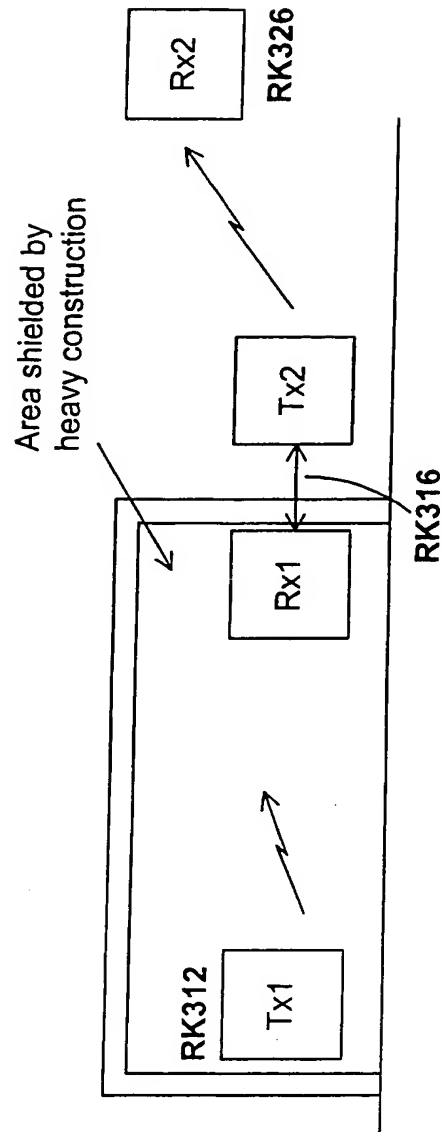


FIGURE 33

Special Exception LAN Messages Transferred to WAN

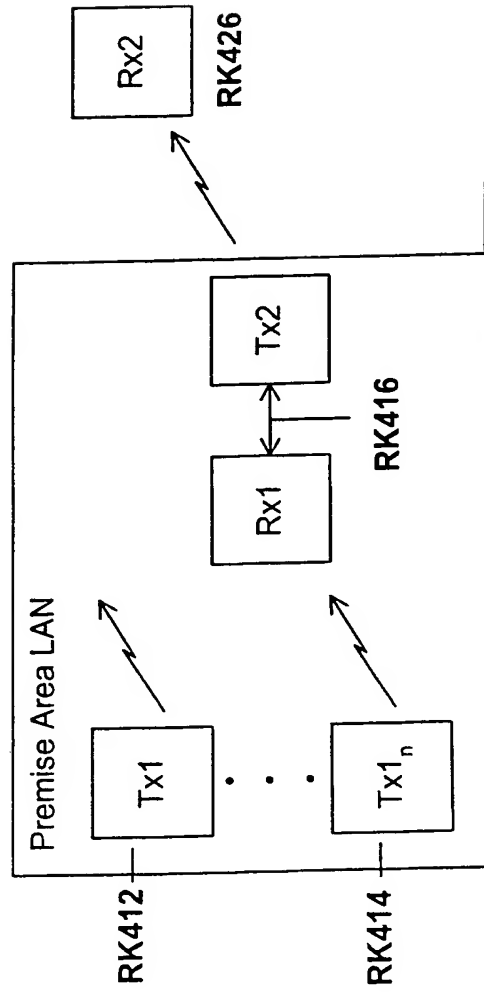
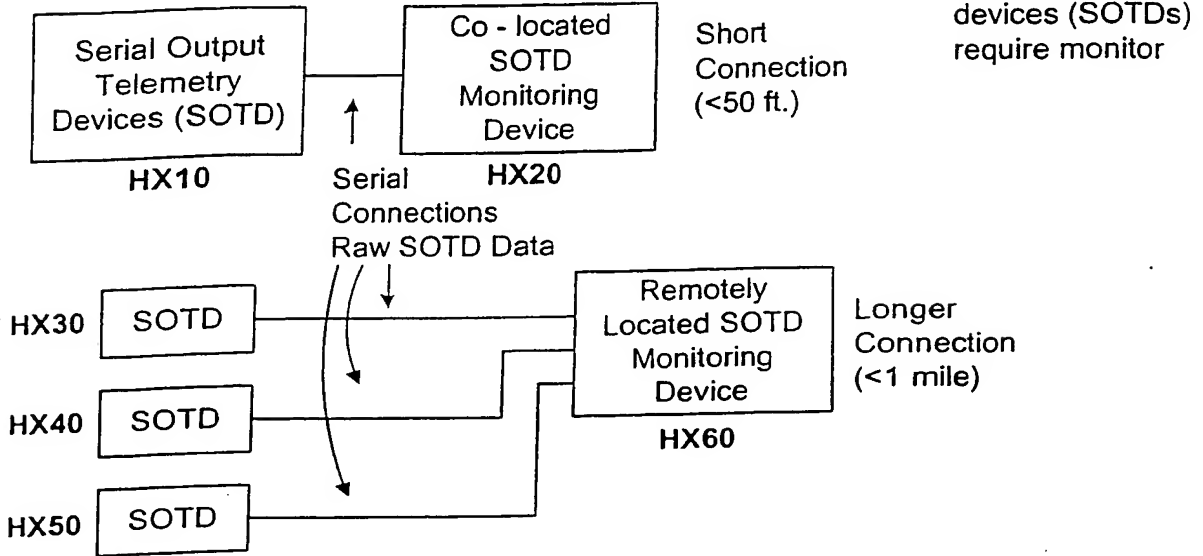


FIGURE 34

Remote Serial Data Monitoring

Conventional Approaches:



Present Invention Approach:

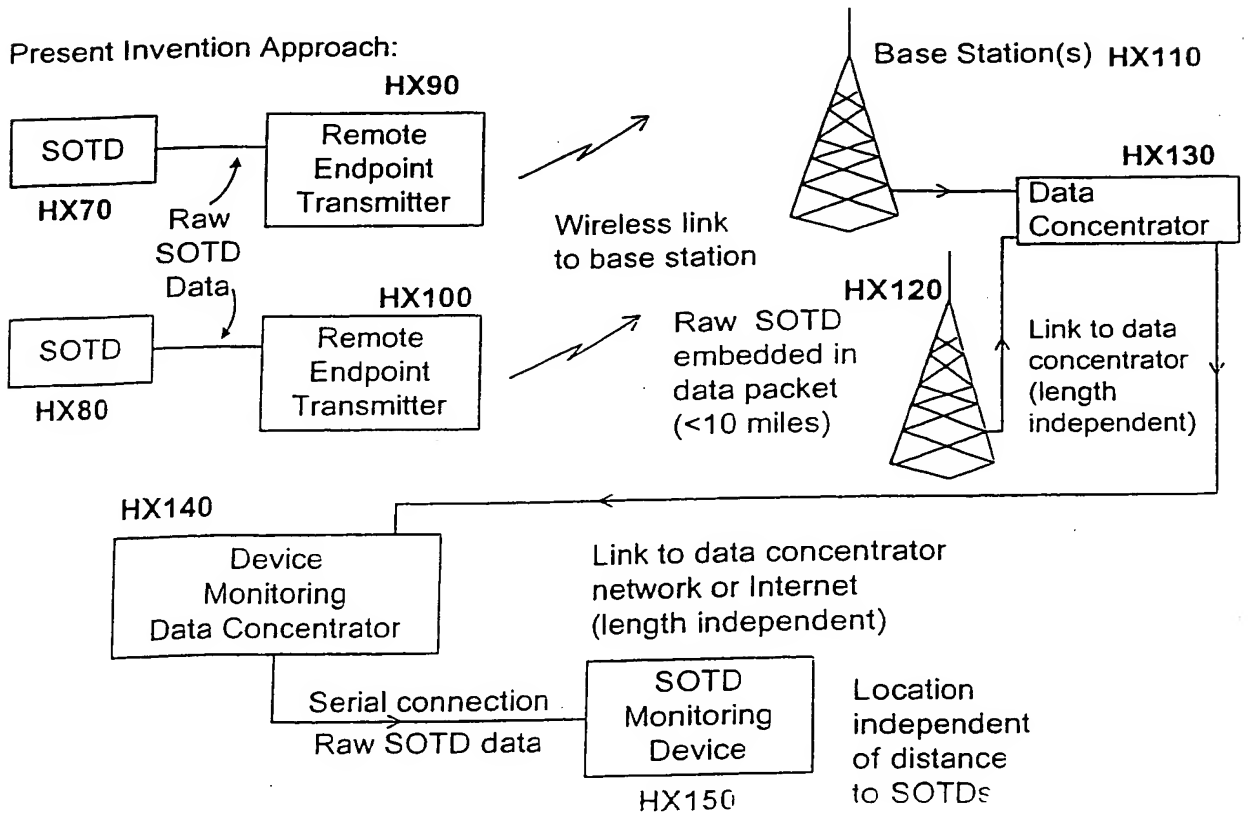


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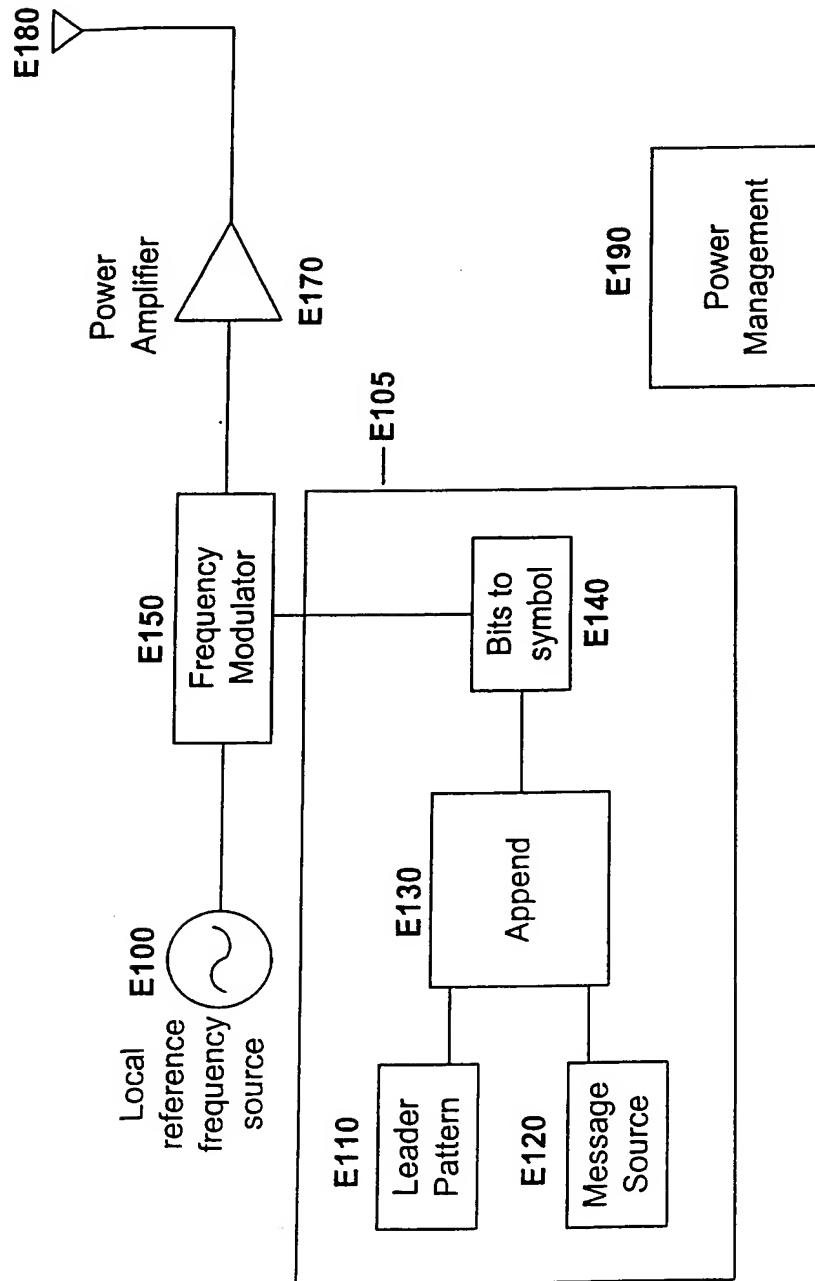


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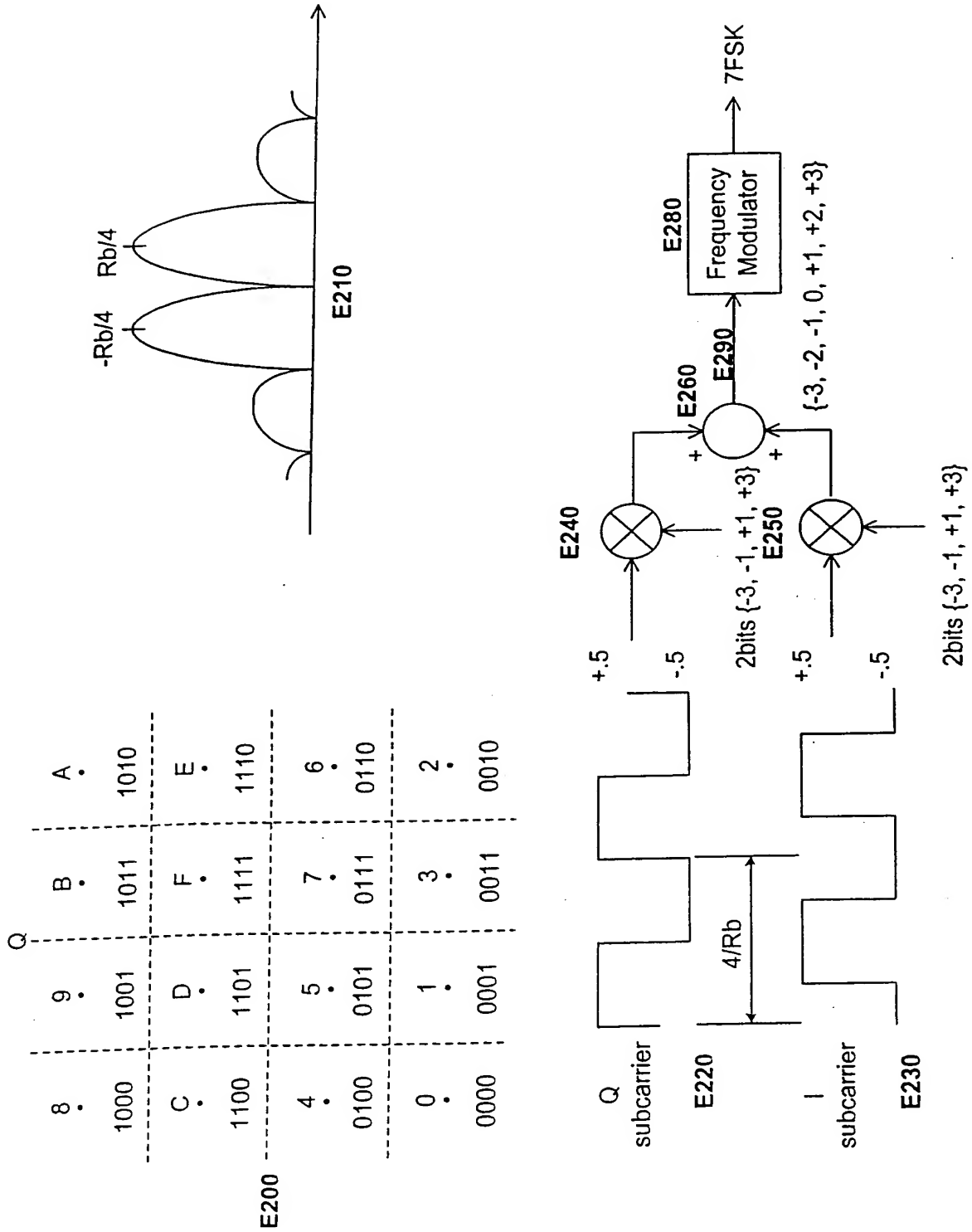


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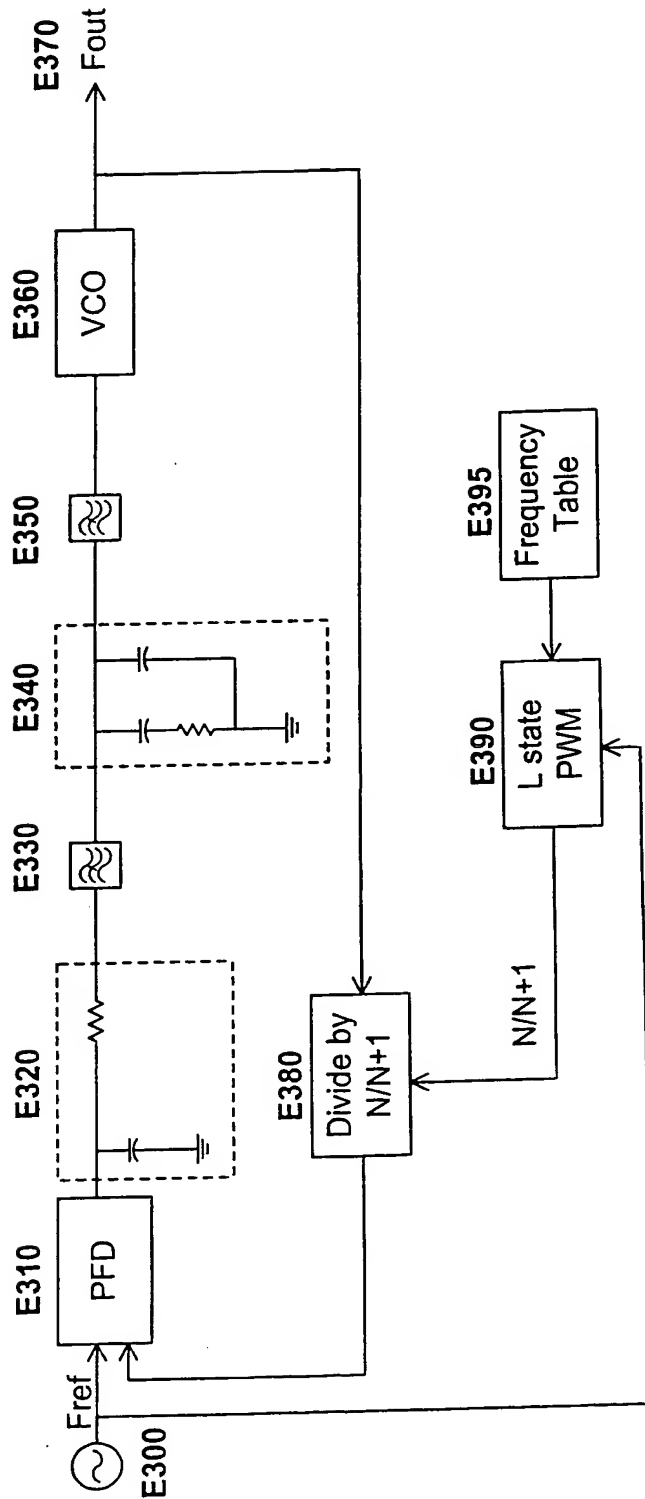


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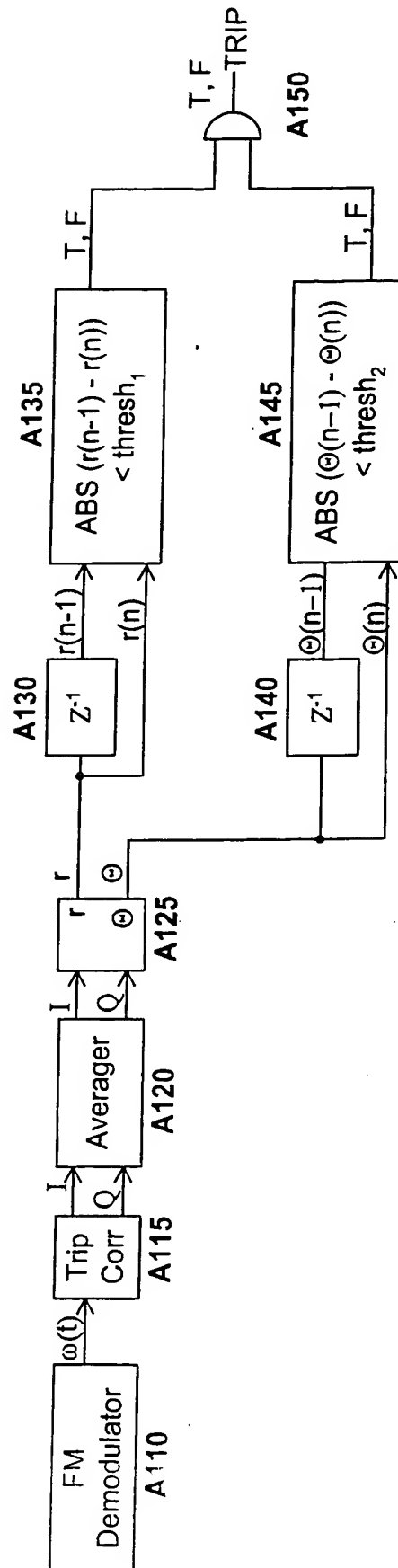


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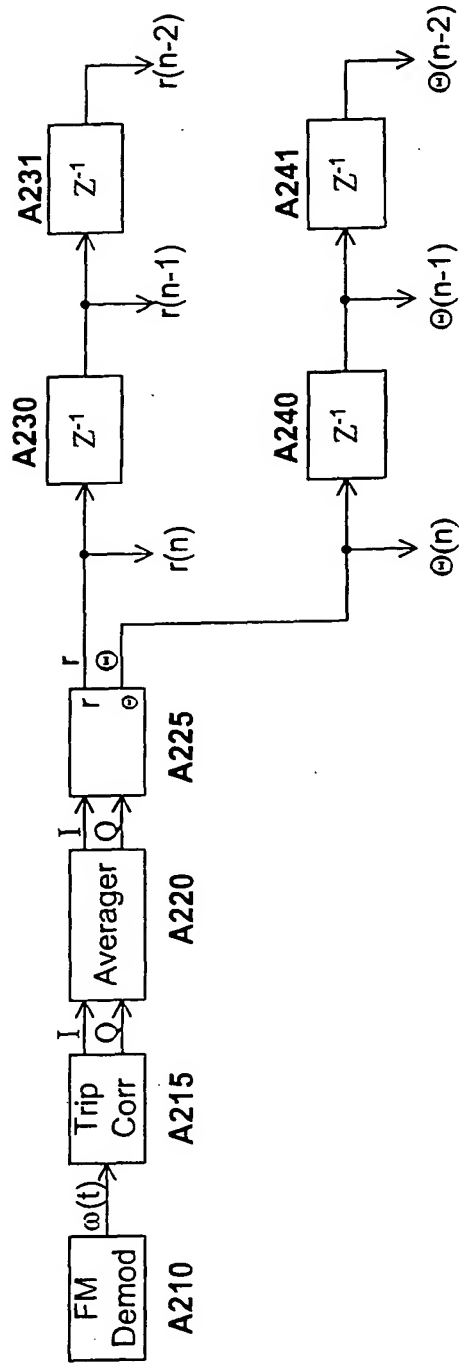


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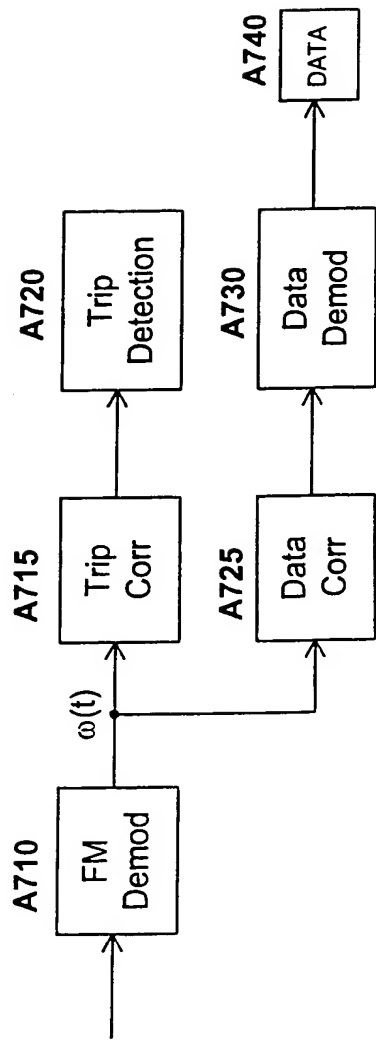


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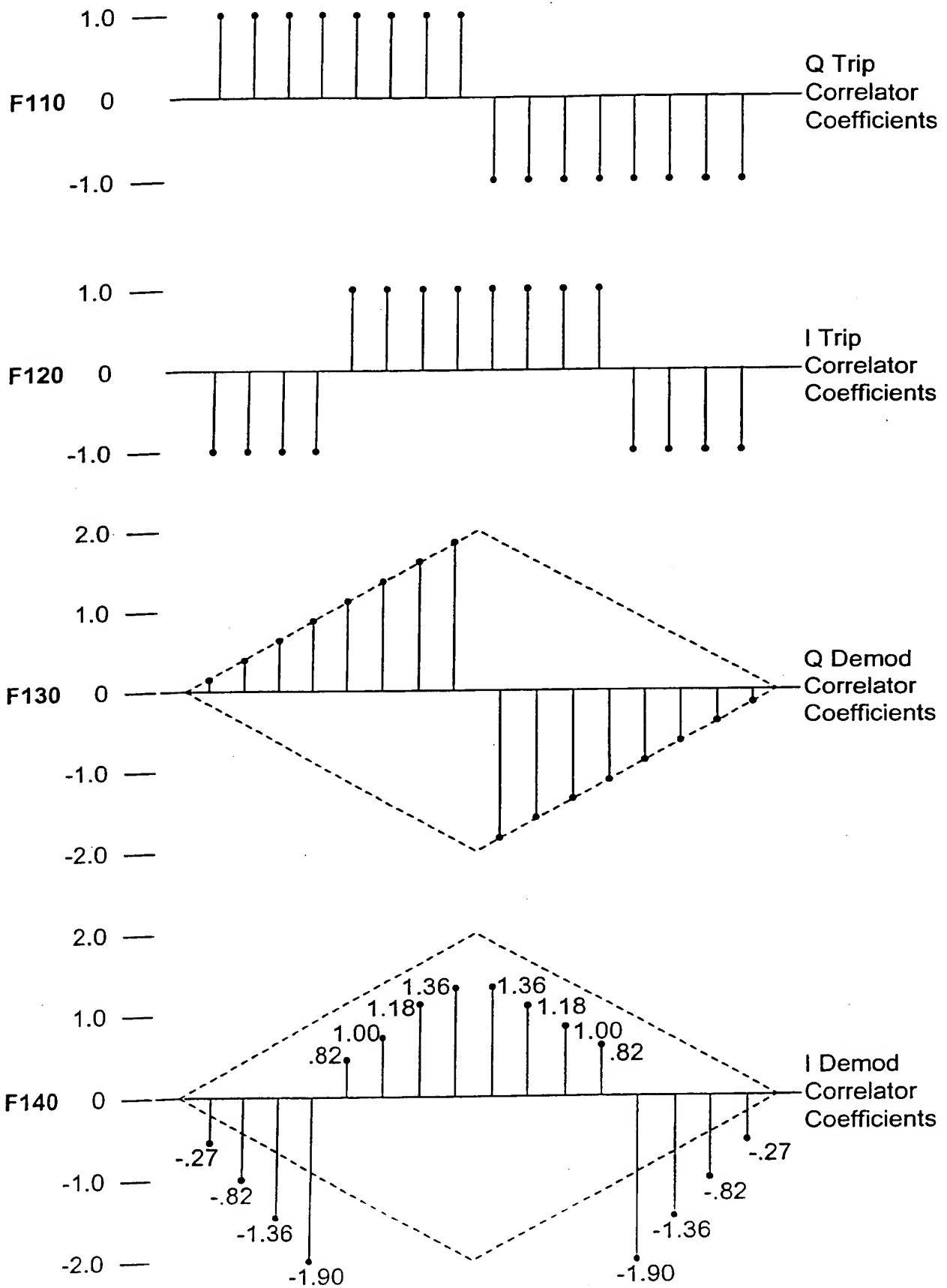


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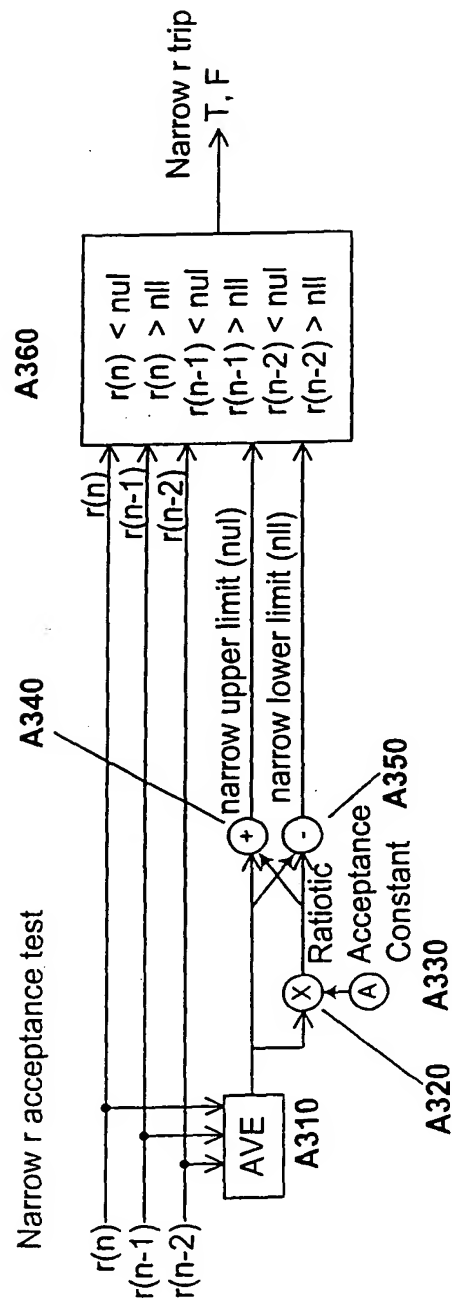


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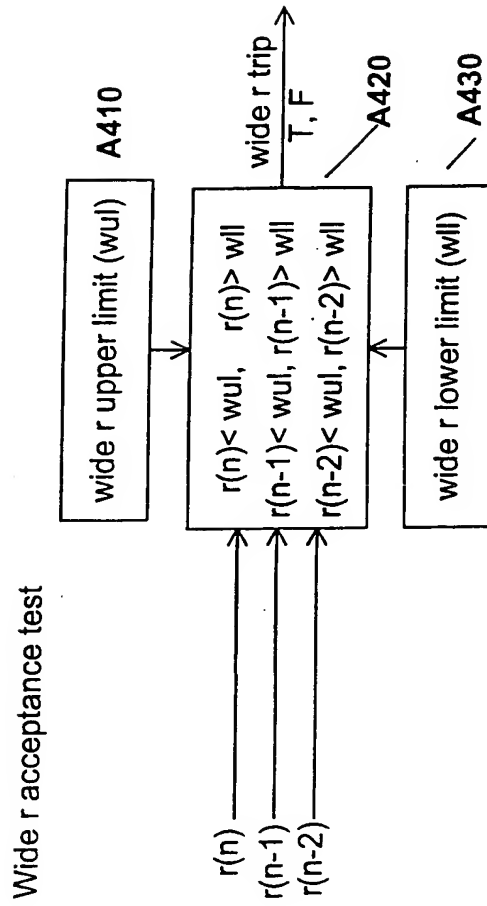


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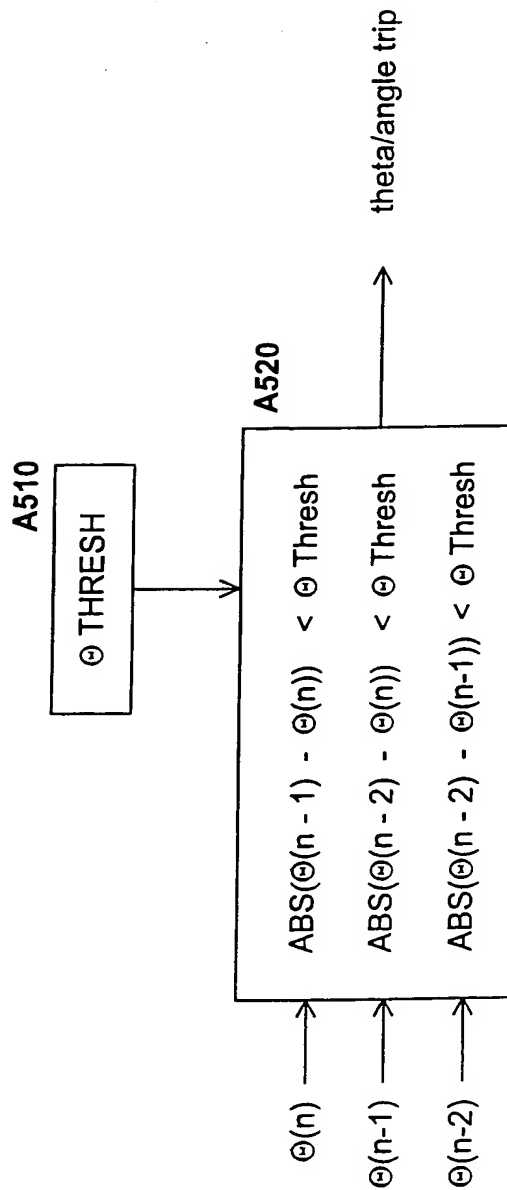


FIGURE 45

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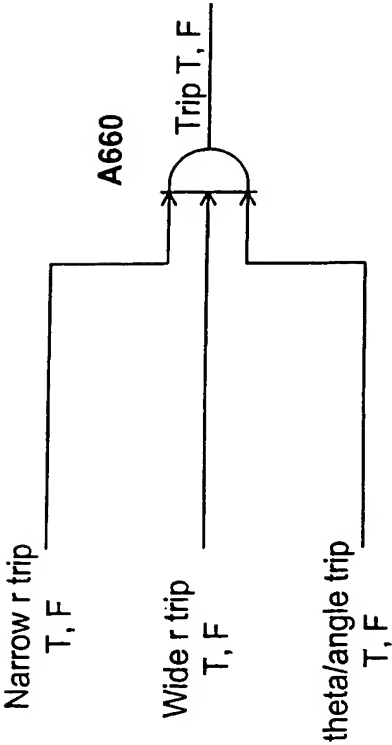


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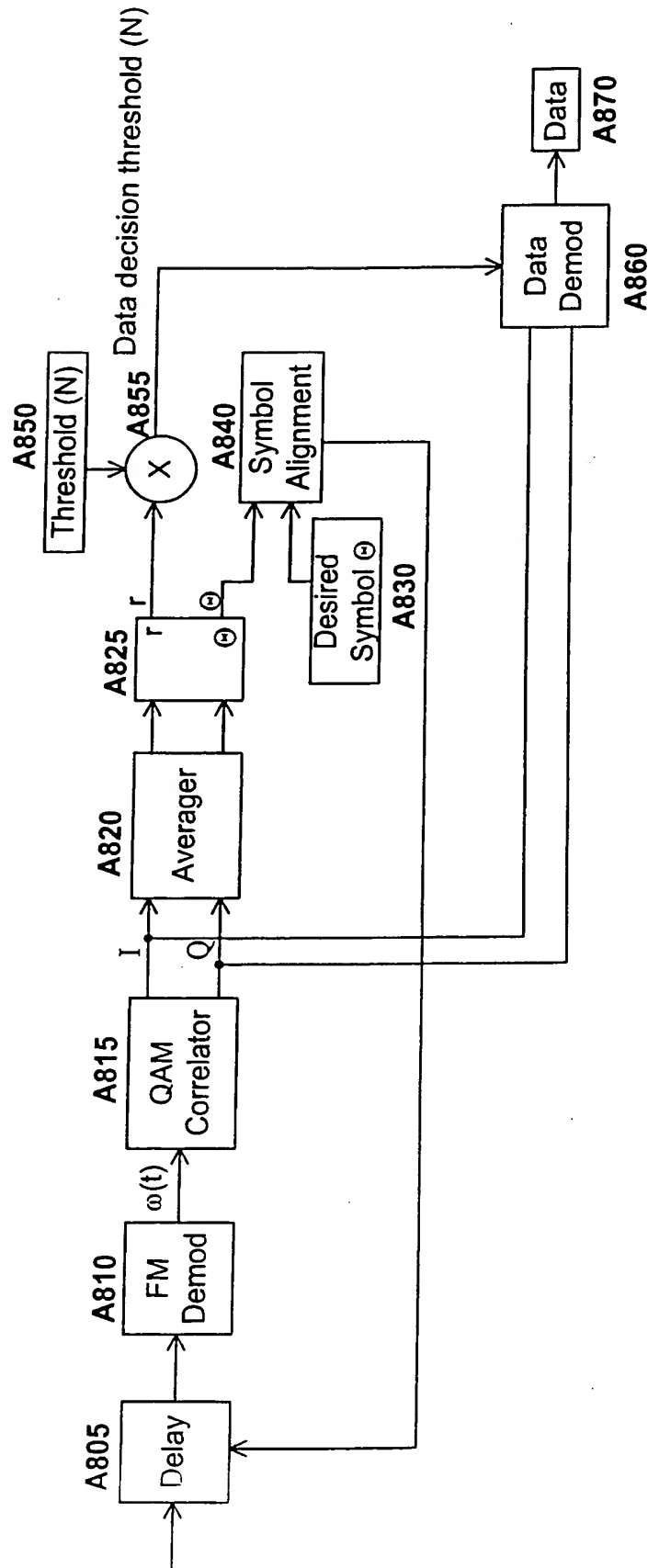
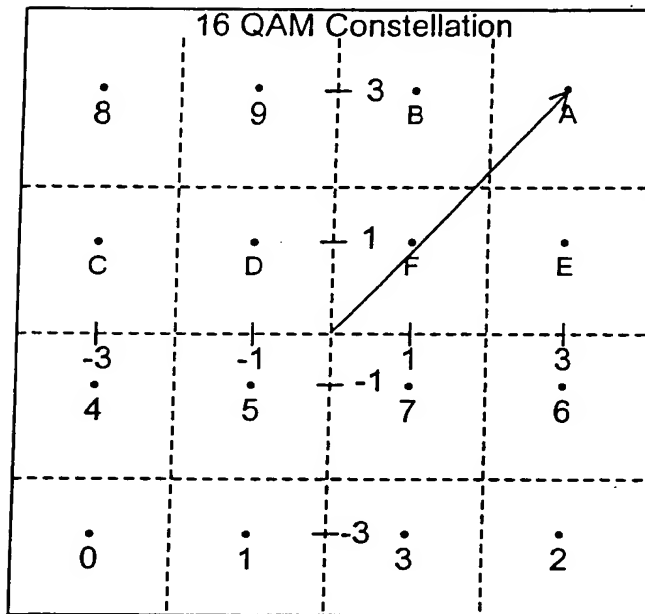
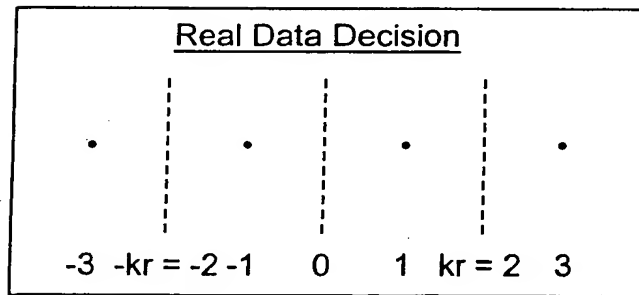


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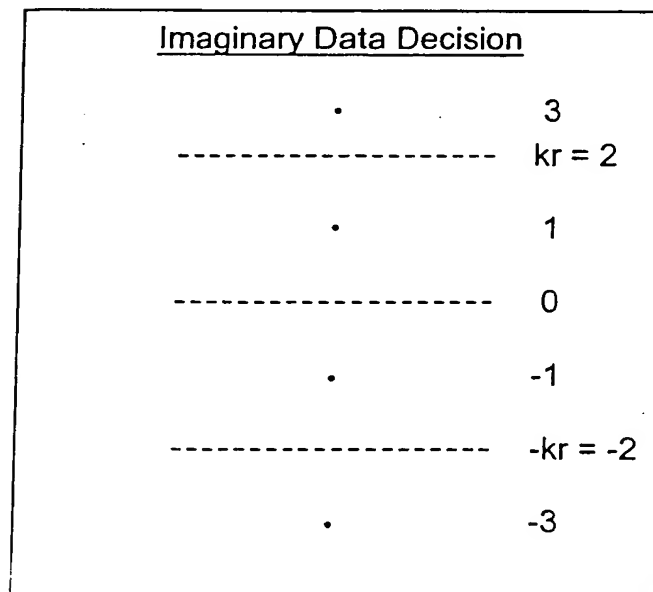
Data Decision Threshold Scale Factor



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A1020



A1030

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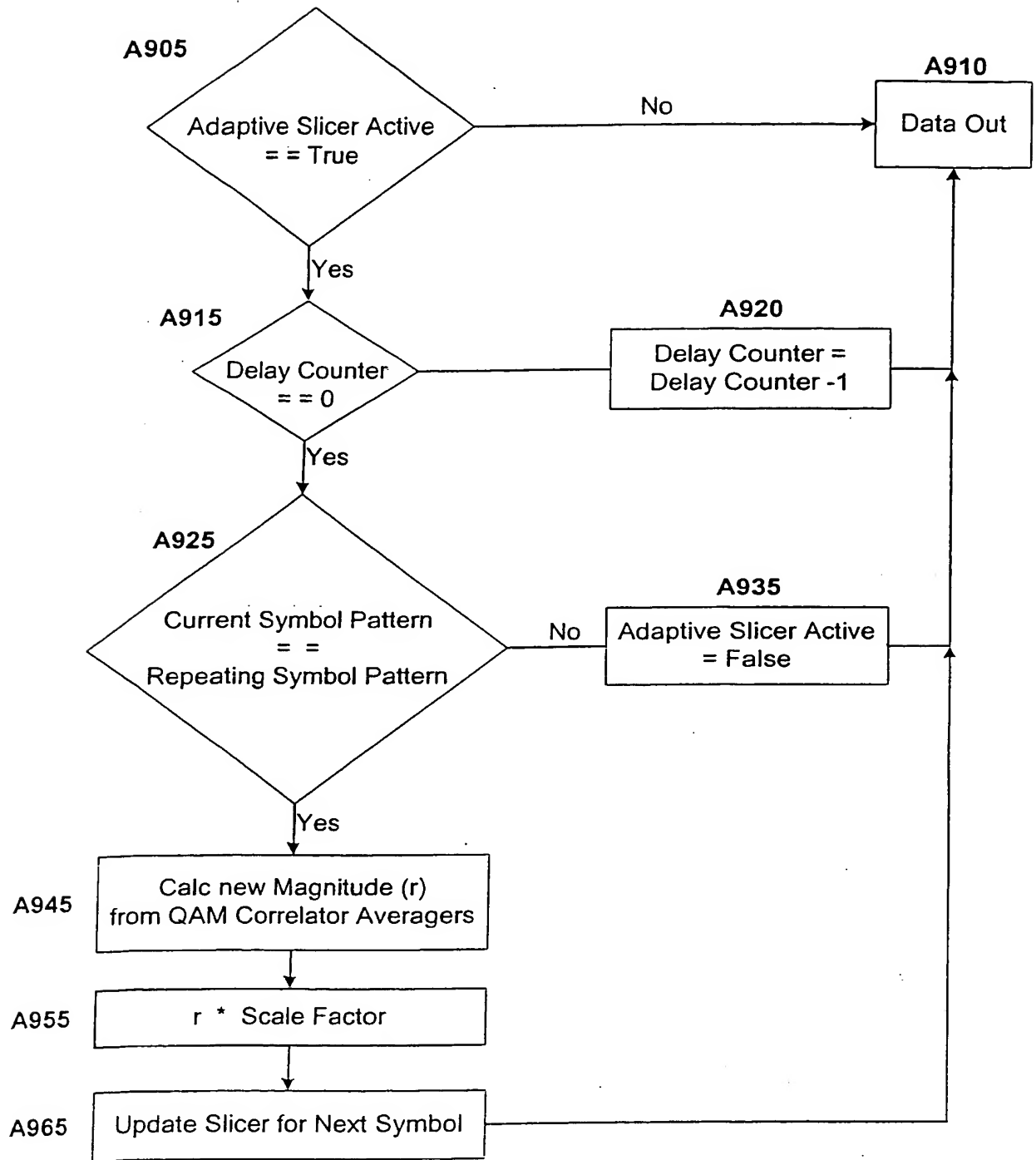
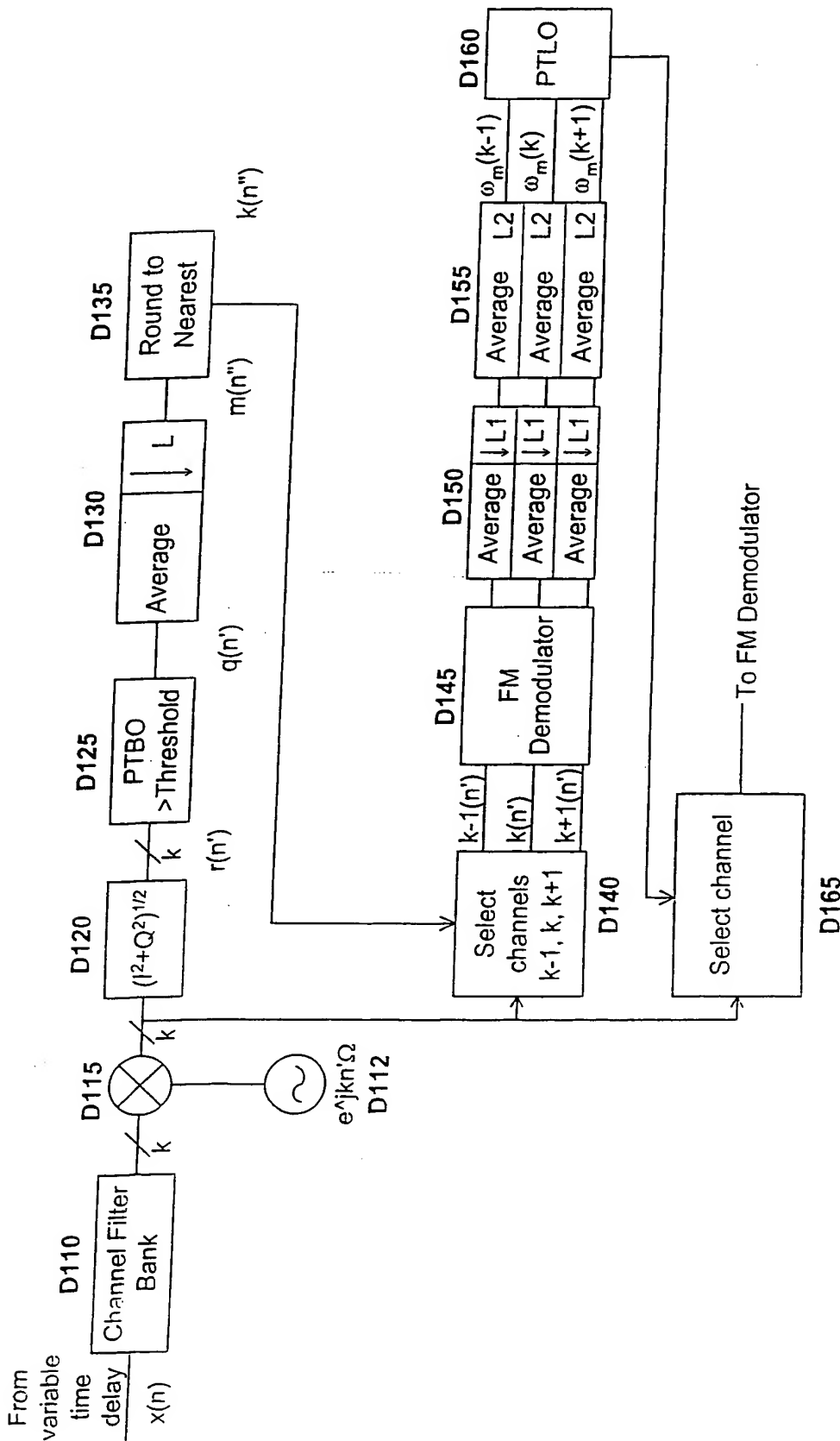


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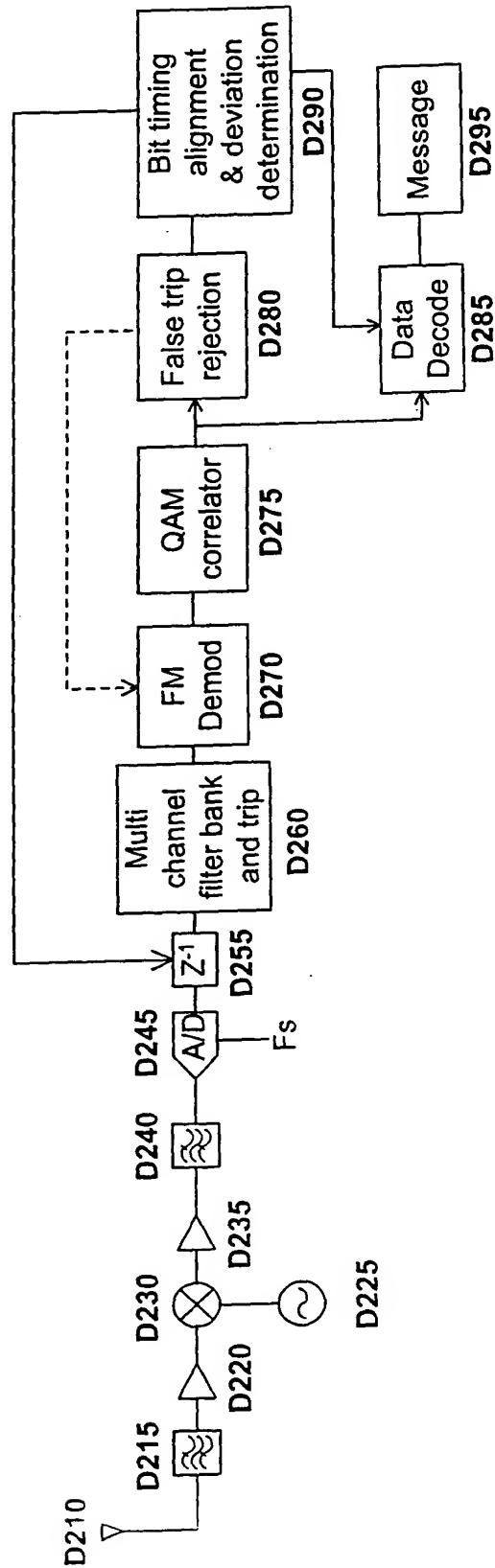


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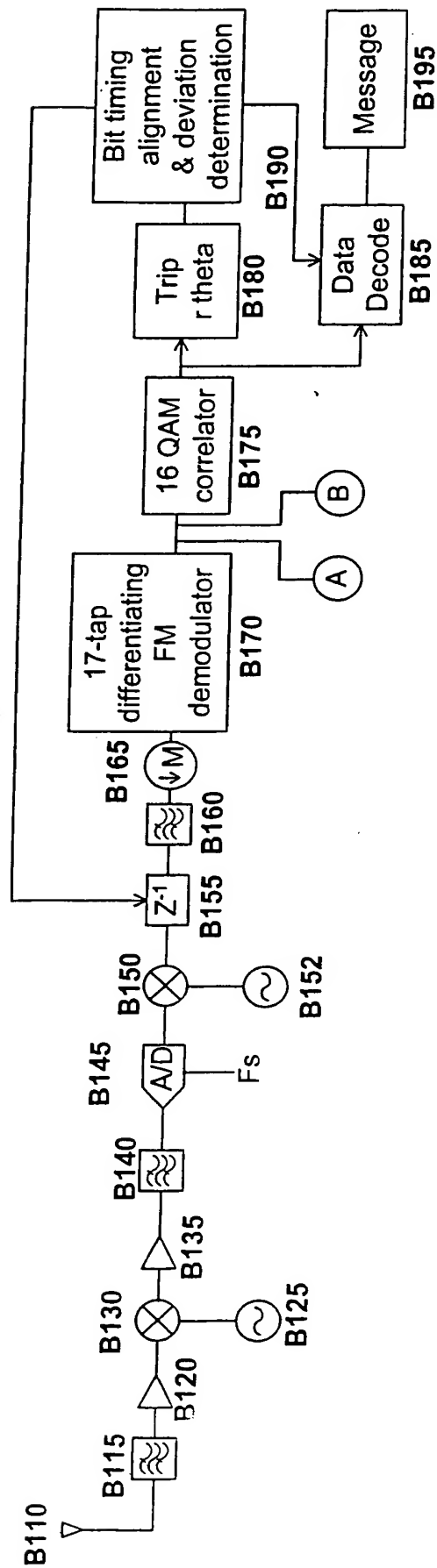


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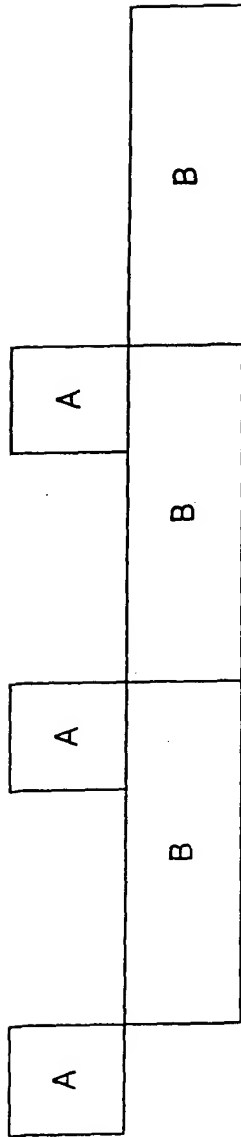


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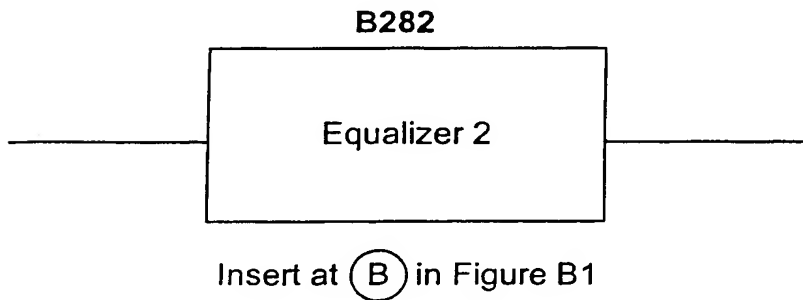
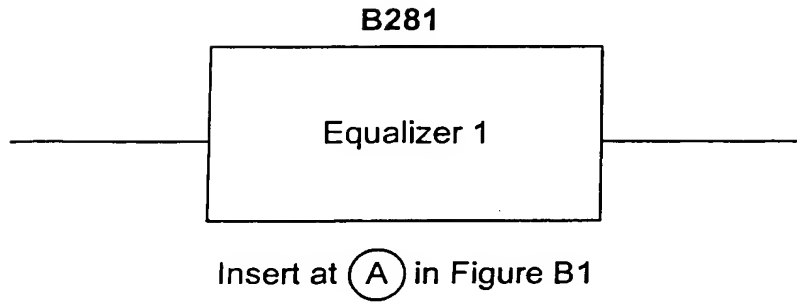
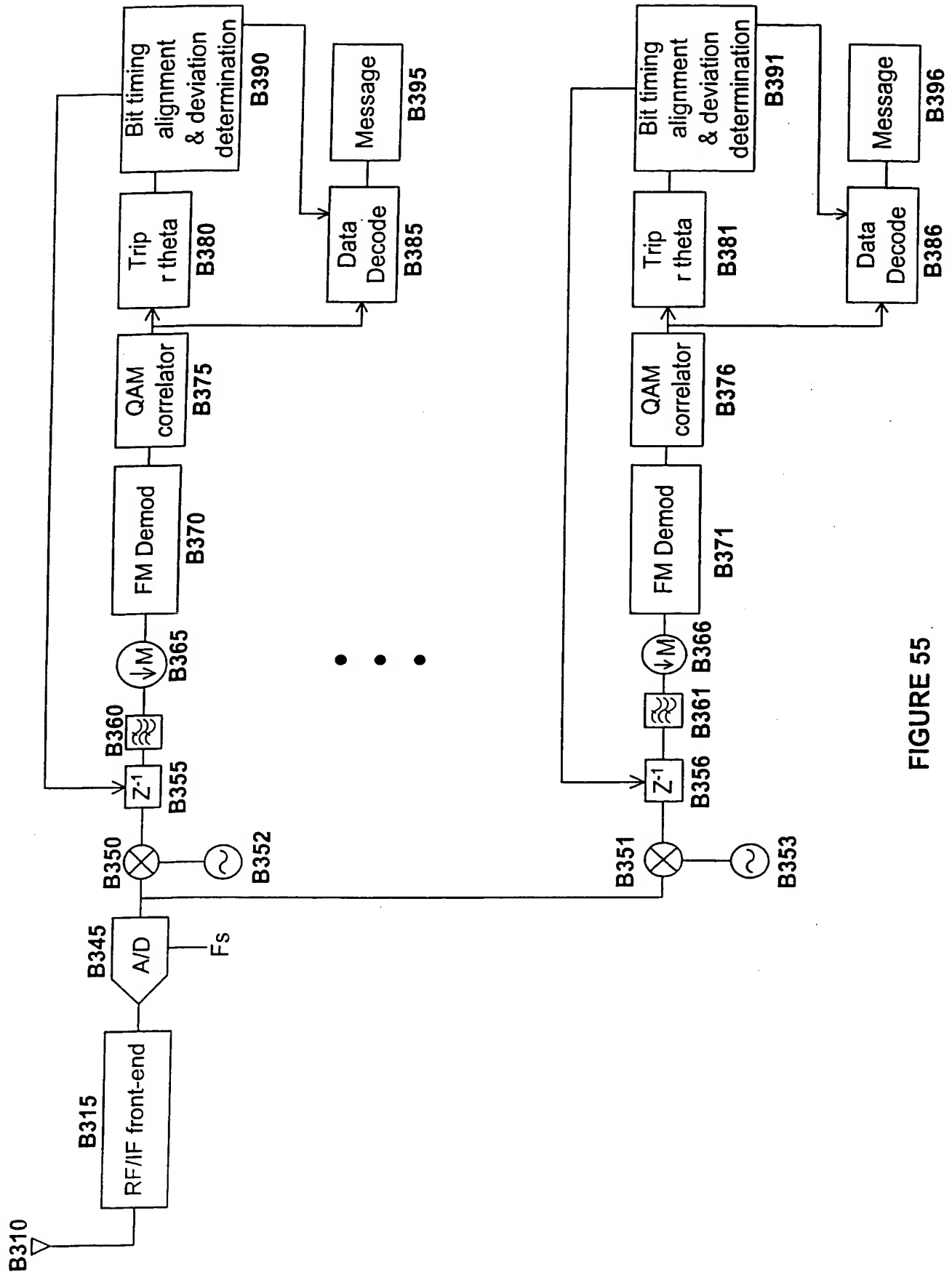


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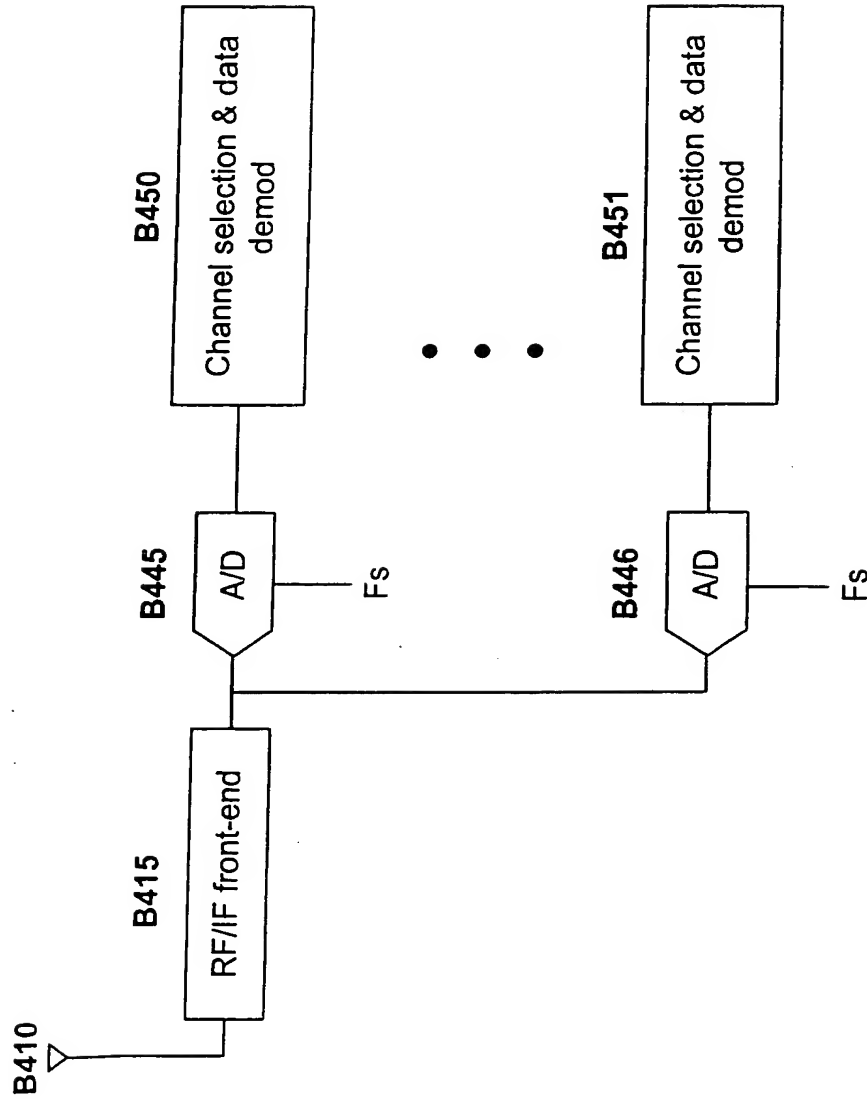


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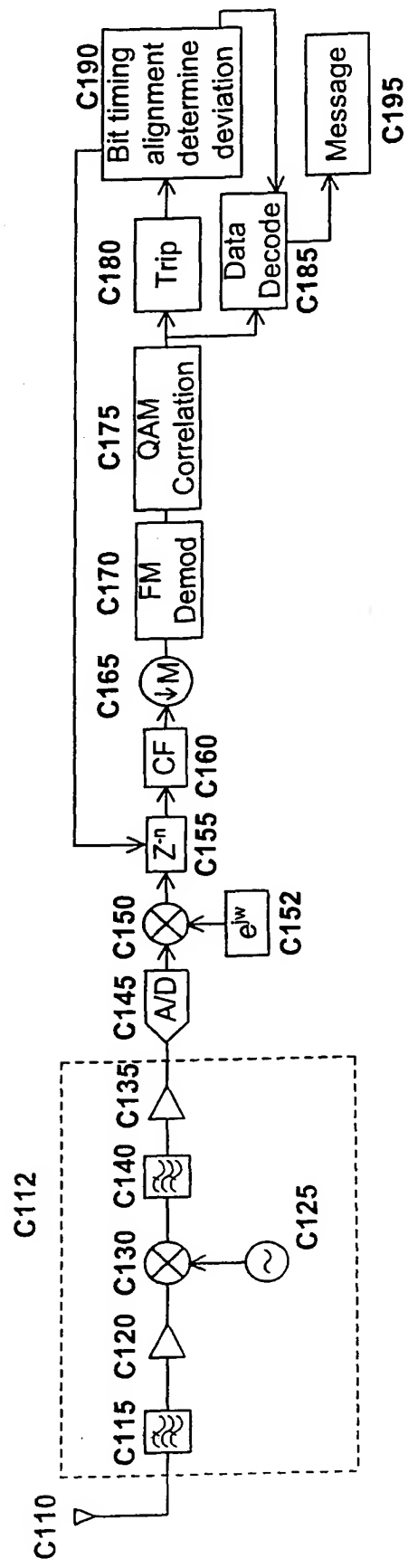


FIGURE 57

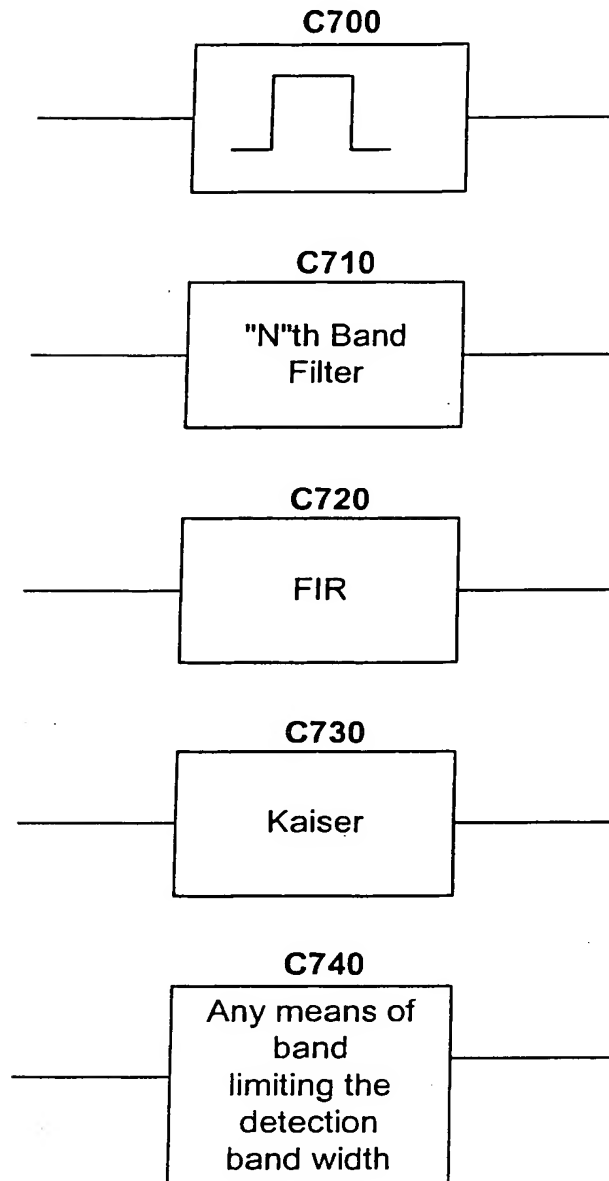


FIGURE 58

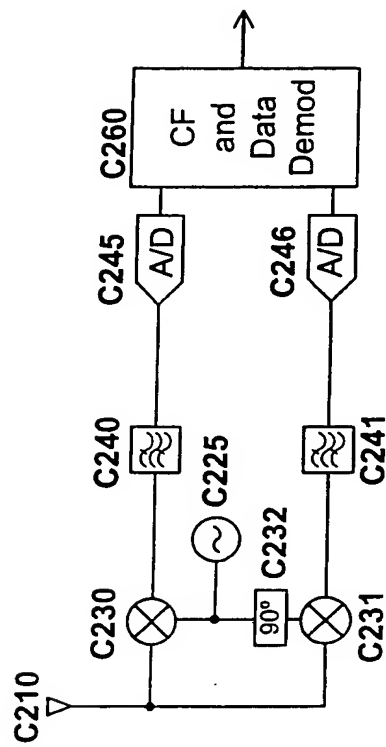


FIGURE 59

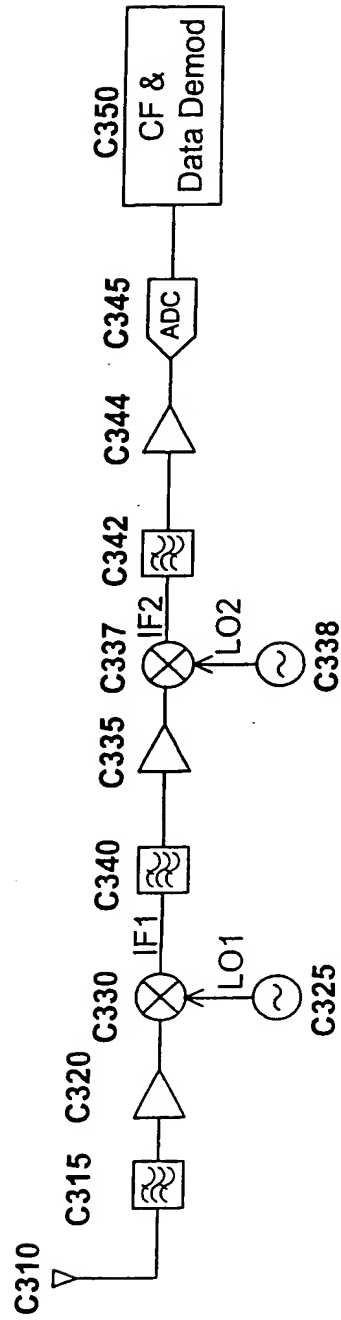


FIGURE 60

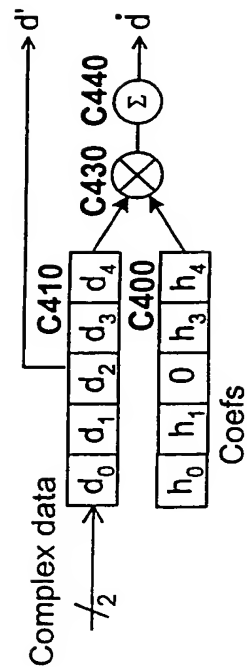


FIGURE 61
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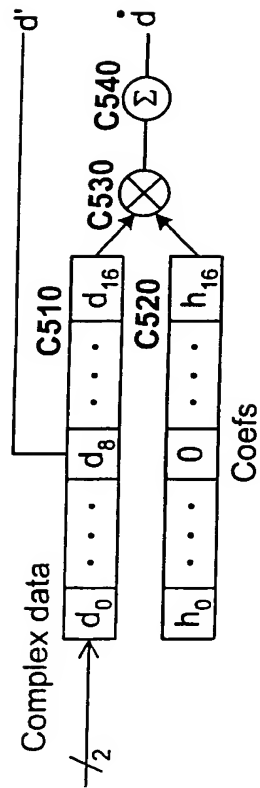


FIGURE 62

<u>Symbol Nibble</u>	<u>FSK Freq Pattern</u>															
F	0	1	2	0	-1	2	3	1	0	0	1	-2	-1	2	3	0
E	-1	0	1	-2	1	-1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
D	1	-1	0	2	-2	1	-1	0	-3	1	2	0	-1	2	3	0
C	2	0	-1	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
B	0	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3
A	-1	0	1	-2	1	-1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
9	2	0	-1	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
8	0	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3
7	-1	0	1	-2	1	-1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
6	2	0	-1	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
5	0	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3
4	-1	0	1	-2	1	-1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
3	2	0	-1	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
2	0	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3
1	-1	0	1	-2	1	-1	0	-3	2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0
0	2	0	-1	1	2	3	1	0	-2	1	0	-1	2	3	1	0

FIGURE 63

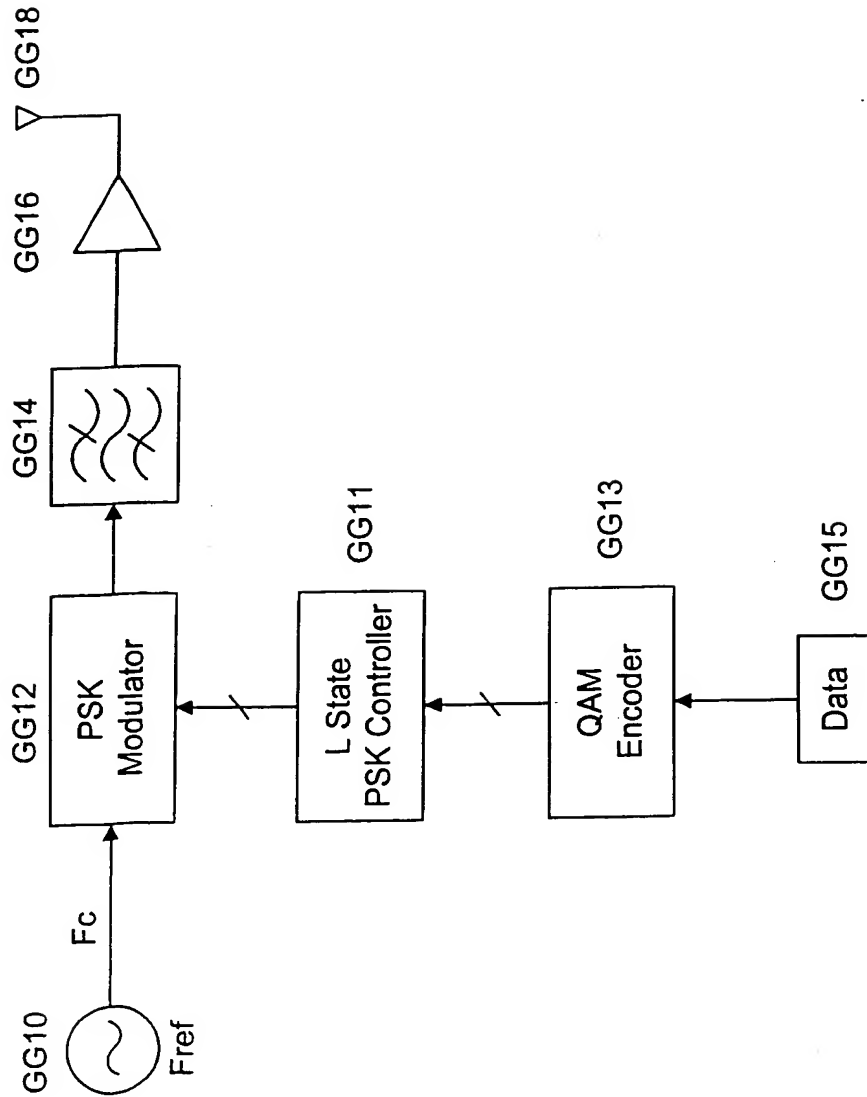


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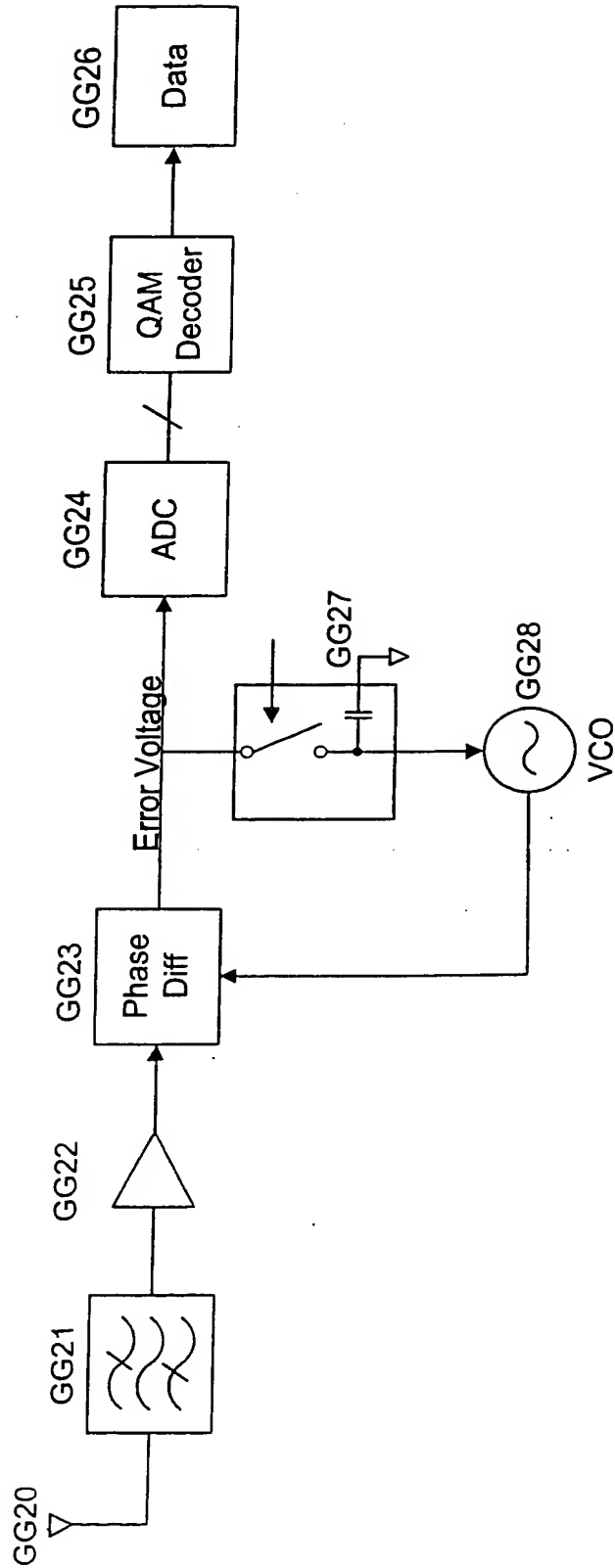


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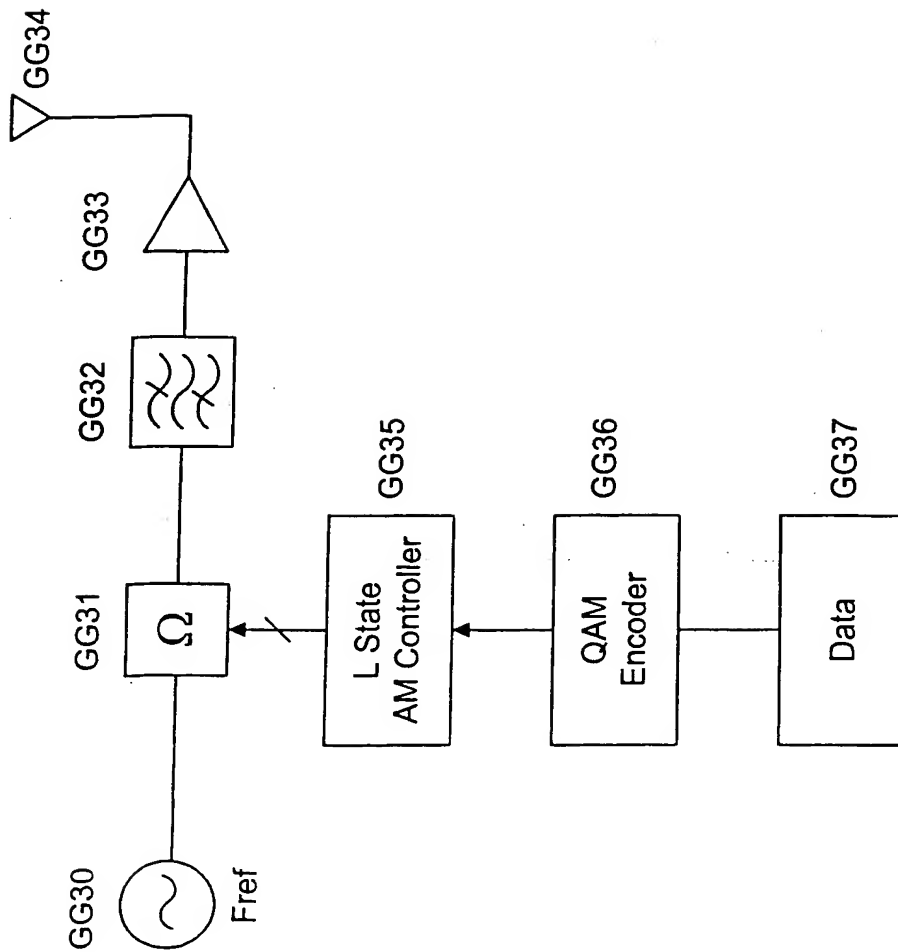


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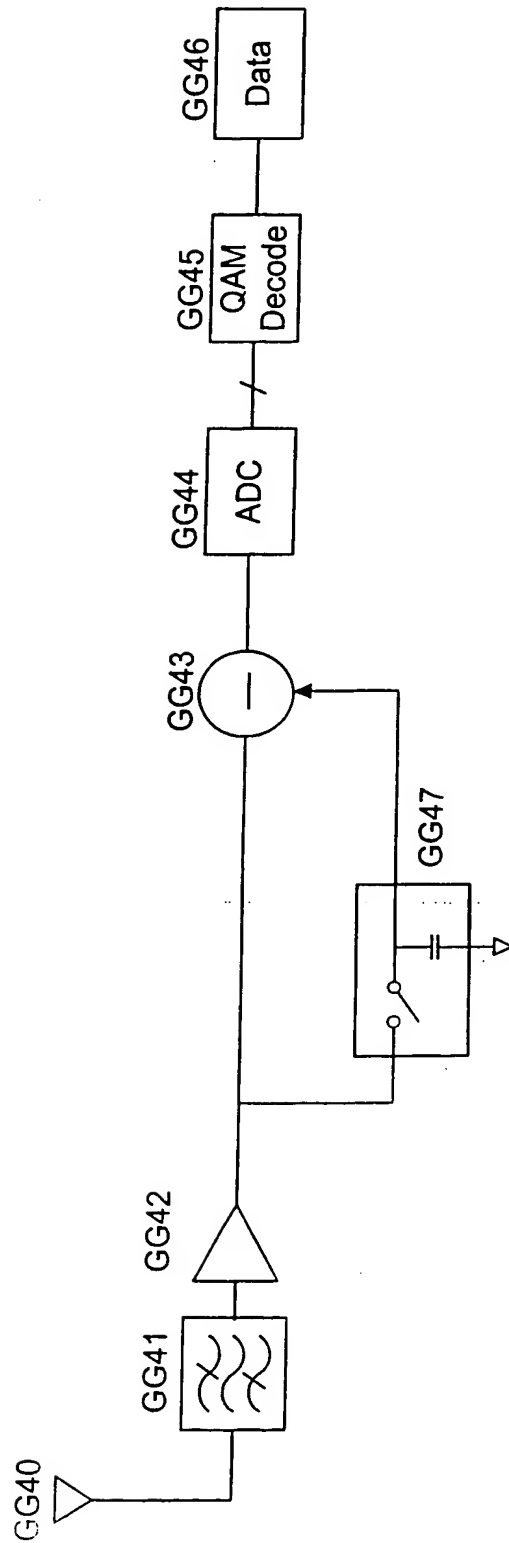


FIGURE 67

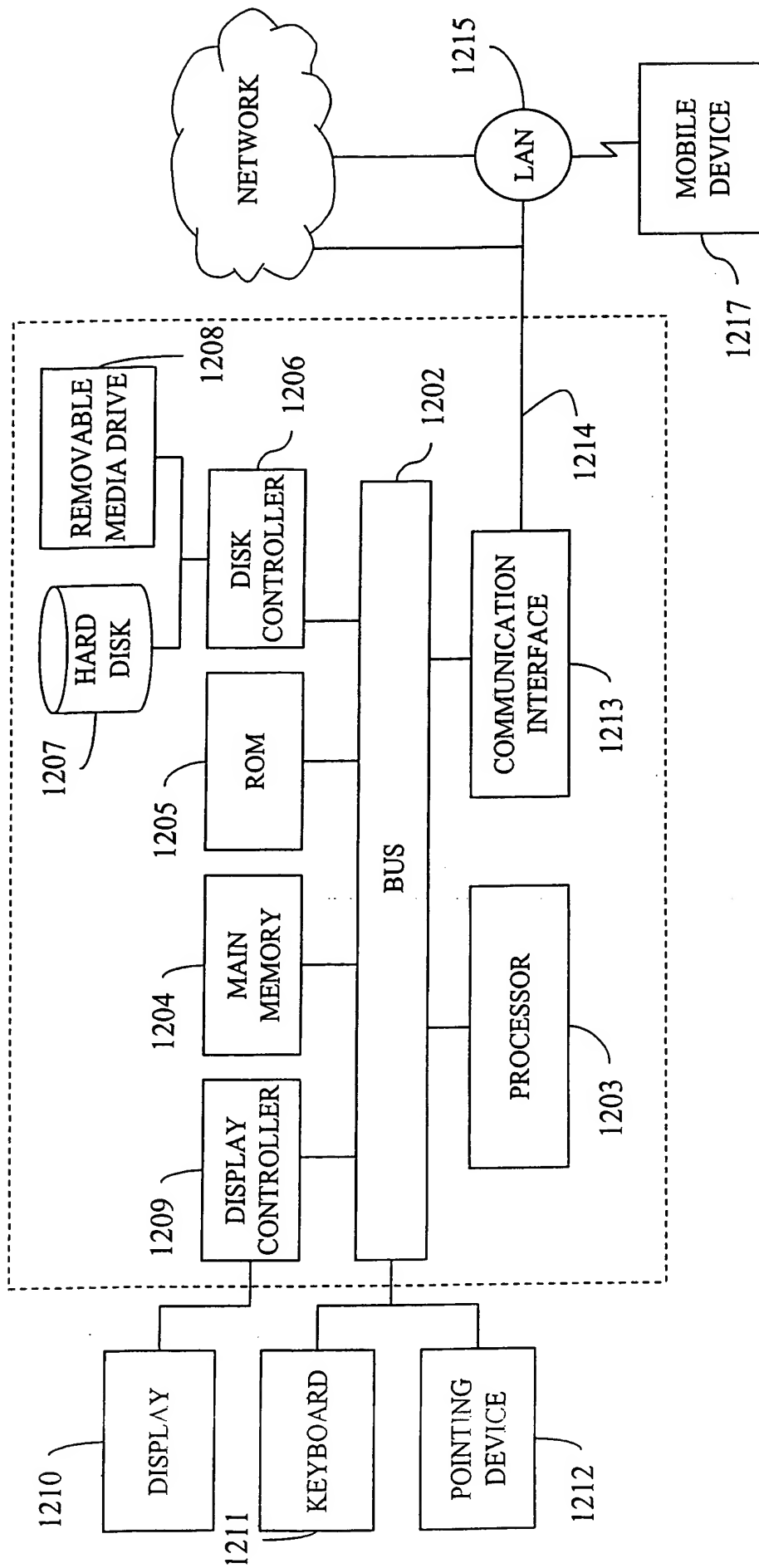


FIGURE 68